



NZ Certificate in Animal Technology Level 5 - Veterinary Nursing Assistant Clinical Skills

At the time of graduation, the student is expected to be competent in a range of clinical skills, within the scope of their role as a supervised veterinary nursing assistant. As you can appreciate, this is a challenge this year due to Covid-19. If opportunities arise in your clinic for any of the following, we would appreciate the student being involved where possible, to allow them to gain experience and confidence.

Hygiene, Animal Handling and Routine Health Procedures (Theory taught in Semester 1 for full time students or in Year One for Part Time students)	
Remove a dog from a kennel, weigh and replace back in kennel	
Safely remove a cat from a kennel for examination	
Take an accurate rectal temperature	
Restrain a dog for cephalic venepuncture (blood sample or IV injection)	
Administer a tablet to a cat directly	
Take a heart rate	
Take a femoral pulse	
Administer aural medication or cleansing solution (dog or cat)	
Administer ophthalmic medication (dog or cat)	
Administer liquid medication directly (dog, cat or rabbit)	
Take an accurate femoral pulse from a dog.	
Apply a muzzle to a dog	
Restrain a dog for a nail clip	
Apply a topical flea product to a dog, cat or rabbit	
Clean and prepare kennels/cages according to facility protocol	

**Inpatient Care, Surgery & Anaesthesia and Diagnostics
(Theory taught in Semester 2 for Full Time students, Year Two for Part Time Students)**

Prepare an IV fluid drip	
Restrain a cat for jugular venepuncture	
Administer a sub-cut injection	
Assist to monitor anaesthesia	
Restrain and assist with IV catheter placement	
Collect a mid-flow urine sample and perform a urine dipstick test	
Clean and package instruments	
Assist with surgical preparation of patients – clip and scrub	
Package diagnostic samples	
Prepare equipment for IV induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia, including checks of the ET tubes	
Dispense loose tablet medication	
Prepare equipment for blood sampling	
Clean and maintain electric clippers	
Perform a blood glucose	
Perform a packed cell volume	
Draw up injectable medication	
Perform a urine dipstick and specific gravity test	
Apply a limb bandage	