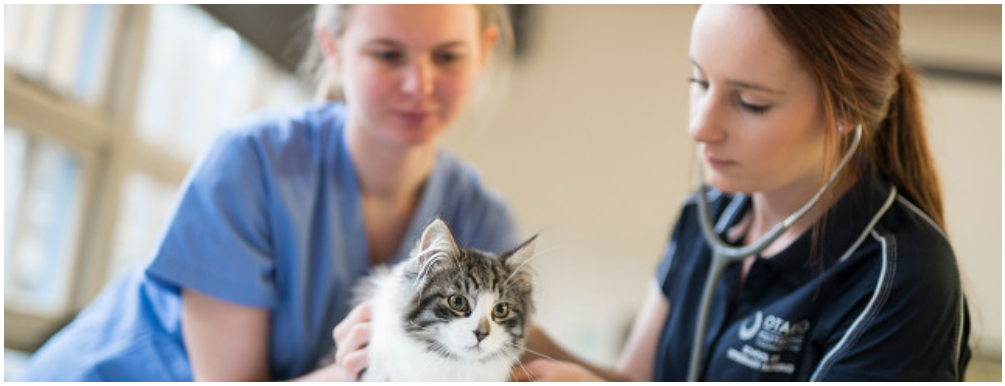
New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) (Veterinary Nursing Assistant)



Domestic fee: $7,610

International fee: $22,220

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Location	Dunedin or online with block courses • International students must study in Dunedin. A one-year, part-time, online option is also available for those with existing knowledge and skills due to practical experience in this area. Find out more >
Duration	One year full-time or two years part-time (online only)
Delivery	**Blended on campus full-time** with facilitated sessions; this is the **only** option for international students. **Distance full-time or part-time** with two compulsory block courses per year (approx. four days each) at various locations: Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington or Auckland. Block courses may be offered in alternative locations dependent on numbers. All options include 240 hours of work placement time which you must organise.

Credits	120
Level	5
Start	On campus (full-time): February Distance (full-time): February Distance (part-time): February
Apply	Now for our work-based learning option if you have prior knowledge and experience. Applications have now closed for our 2022 Dunedin and online intakes. Please register your interest for 2023 by emailing ebsVET@op.ac.nz

NEW!

There are some exciting changes coming to our Animal Healthcare and Veterinary Nursing programmes in 2023. Updated programme information will be added as soon as possible.

To chat about the best options for you or for further information, please email vetnursing@op.ac.nz

Love animals and care about their welfare? Prepare for a career as a Veterinary Nurse.

Become a Veterinary Nursing Assistant educated to the highest professional standards with this practical and theoretical programme.

The animal health industry is vital to the success of New Zealand's economy and there is always strong demand for qualified Veterinary Nursing Assistants to assist Veterinarians and Veterinary Nurses.

This programme will give you the skills and knowledge required for a successful career in companion animal healthcare. It will enable you to work alongside veterinarians and veterinary nurses in a clinical environment as a veterinary nursing assistant and will fulfil education requirements for you to become a listed veterinary nursing assistant (LVNA).

In addition, it will prepare you for entry into the New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) where you will gain the skills to become a fully qualified Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN).

Aligned with international standards, it has been developed in consultation with veterinarians, veterinary nurses, the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association and our own experienced staff. All of our staff are required to undertake compulsory industry immersion to ensure they can deliver up-to-date, detailed theoretical knowledge of companion animal healthcare and practical skills, including low stress handling techniques.

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