Massey University

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Massey is the only university in New Zealand that offers a veterinary degree. Their veterinary school was the first in the Southern Hemisphere to be accredited by the AVMA.

How does it work?
Massey’s Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc), is a five-year (10 semester) programme. The first semester (beginning in February) is referred to as the “pre-selection” semester. Depending on your academic results in this first semester, you may be selected to the ‘professional phase’ of your qualification, beginning in July (4.5 years long). Selection is highly-competitive so focussing on great results for your first semester is vital.

What will it be like?
Veterinary science is a key focus for Massey University’s Palmerston North campus and we have some of the best facilities in Australasia. The only wildlife hospital at a New Zealand university is on campus, where we treat many of our endangered species. A new 24-hour pet emergency centre and equine hospital opened in 2014 and building will soon be underway on a new wildlife hospital and study block.

You will study core medical sciences (tailored for veterinary students), as well as normal and then abnormal animal structure and function. Then you’ll be taught how to “fix” animals, or return them to normal function through clinical studies, medicine, surgery, and health management of companion and agricultural animal species.

Throughout years 1-4 there is a focus on professional studies and attributes for veterinarians, and integrative problem oriented papers. These integrative papers encourage students to apply the information learned in the other individual papers to real life veterinary cases and scenarios designed to develop problem solving and critical thinking.

In your fifth and final year, you get to choose an area of interest (track), and will do lots of work placements while you are studying, giving you invaluable on-the-job experience. This individualised final year curriculum allows you to further explore your area of interest while ensuring wide coverage of the main veterinary species.
During the programme, you will attend lectures, tutorials, practical classes and clinical sessions and undertake farm and veterinary practical work outside of university semester time.

**Application Deadlines:**

**November 1st deadline for Group 1 intake (February)**
Group 1 applicants come to New Zealand to complete pre-vet courses in semester 1 to compete for selection into semester 2 of the vet program. There is open enrolment for students into the first semester of the program and then students must be selected to enter into semester 2. Please note – there are limited numbers of places in the second semester and as such not all students who enrol in the first semester will be selected into the second semester.

**December 1st deadline for Group 2 intake “Direct Entry” (July)**
This group is for applicants who already have or are completing an appropriate undergraduate or postgraduate science qualification in a country other than New Zealand. Please note that you DO NOT have to have completed a Bachelors degree but you do need to have completed at least 2 years of your degree by the time you would start vet school at Massey.

**Admission Criteria**
- **Canada:**
  - High school graduation with minimum achievement of 65%
  - Ontario: secondary diploma with a minimum average 65% in Grade 12; CEGEP one year with 65% across 6 subjects including English. Higher levels of achievement will be required for limited entry courses.
- **USA:**
  - High school diploma with a C grade average plus SAT with a minimum score of 550 in both verbal and math; or ACT composite score of 22

**The following are required to apply for a Group 2 Position (Direct Entry):**
- A minimum science GPA of 3.0
- Achievement of the minimum GRE score: 1600 out 2400. The verbal and quantitative sections are scored out of 800, while the analytical written score out of 6 will be converted to a score out of 800, and added to the other 2 sections. GRE scores are to be no older than 5 years.
- Successful completion of university level classes equivalent to the 4 pre-requisite classes: Physics for Life Sciences, Chemistry and Living Systems, and Biological Sciences (Cell Biology, and Zoology/Biology of Animals). Each of these courses should include an associated laboratory component.
- A letter on clinic letterhead, signed by a veterinarian, certifying that they had at least 10 days of veterinary work experience in the preceding two years.
- A declaration that you do not have any criminal convictions witnessed by a notary public, justice of the peace, a solicitor or a commissioner of oaths. The witness must use an official stamp on the front of the document and sign and date the document. The Criminal Conviction statement should be as follows:
  - “I, (NAME), solemnly and sincerely declare that I have not been convicted of any criminal offence which might prejudice my future registration as a Veterinarian.”

**Submit:** Application, official transcripts and notarized passport, SAT/ ACT scores (if applicable), GRE (graduate entry only)

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Application Deadline: November 1 (February entry)/ December 1 (July entry)

Location: Manawatū Campus, Palmerston North, New Zealand

Program Duration: 5 years

Intake: February/ July

Estimated Annual Tuition: First semester: $29,310 NZD; years 2-5: $58,620 NZD

Accreditation: AAVMA/CVMA, Australasian Veterinary Board Council (AVBC), the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the South African Veterinary Association (SAVA)