

Programme Regulations for:

Rural Animal Technician

(Level 5)

Leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5)

with strands in: Rural Animal Technician

Wintec code:	SX1603	MoE:	NZ2490
Level:	5	Credits:	120
Owner:	Centre for Applied Science and Primary Industries	Effective Date:	January 2020

These regulations should be read in conjunction with the Institute's Academic Regulations.

1. Admission and Entry

1.1. Candidates can gain entry to this programme by meeting one of the following criteria:

- a) Based on NZ high school achievement (secondary school study):
 - 60 credits at NCEA Level 2; including 12 Literacy credits at NCEA Level 2, 12 Numeracy credits at NCEA Level 1 and 12 credits in a Science subject at NCEA Level 1; or
 - a recognised equivalent; **or**
- b) Based on study completed at a NZ tertiary institution
 - A relevant qualification at NZQF Level 3; or
 - A recognised equivalent qualification; **or**
- c) Based on Discretionary Entrance

Applicants who do not meet any of the entry options stated above, and think they have what it takes to complete this programme, can apply for 'Discretionary Entrance'. The application is based on the applicant's ability to demonstrate a likelihood to succeed in the programme. The decision is at the discretion of the Head of School/Centre Director or their delegate. The ability to progress into further study depends on how successful the applicant is within the programme they apply and are accepted into under 'Discretionary Entrance'.

1.2 Selection Criteria

- a) Candidates may be required to participate in an interview and selection process. The following will be considered in the selection process:
 - i. Where applicable, the completion of a Study Skills Assessment to demonstrate the level of academic skill necessary to successfully complete the programme;
 - ii. previous experience working with animals. Suitable experience may include three or more days observing in a veterinary clinic or equivalent;
 - iii. an aptitude for working with the public demonstrated through a reference from an employer where the candidate has worked with the public, or from a teacher attesting to social skills.
 - iv. personal qualities such as responsibility, teamwork and practical orientation.
- b) To meet legal and health requirements, candidates must be physically able to carry out the practical components of the programmes, including the ability to perform practical demonstrations and assessments. Candidates with disabilities are eligible to enrol in this programme and will be provided with the necessary resources to attain the learning

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outcomes where practicable, but at the time of enrolment must notify the Equity/Disability Co-ordinator of their needs.

- c) Prior to commencing the programme all candidates will be required to undertake a Police check at a level sufficient for safe and effective practice within the field of animal care.
- d) All candidates will be required to make a declaration they are physically able to safely handle and restrain rural animals and that they have no known health condition that could preclude their close proximity to the common range of rural animals (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, deer, horses).

1.3 English Language Requirements

Candidates who have English as a second language are required to have an International English Language Test System (IELTS) score of 6.0 with no individual band score lower than 5.5; or equivalent.

2. Transfer of Credit

- 2.1 100% transfer of credit is available for this programme (both formal transfer of credit and recognition of prior learning).

3. Programme Requirements

- 3.1 Every candidate for the Rural Animal Technician programme shall to the satisfaction of the Academic Board follow a programme of study for a period of normally not less than one year
- 3.2 Each candidate's programme will comprise all modules as listed in Section 6 of these regulations, totalling 120 credits.
- 3.3 As some of the practical components within this programme are considered high risk, students will be required to submit to an initial drug screen, and may be required to submit to further drug screening if there is reasonable cause to suspect a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, as per Wintec's Drug & Alcohol Policy (OP-16/04).

4. Completion of the Programme

- 4.1 A candidate may take up to two years to complete this programme, unless an extension is granted by special permission of the Centre Director, or designated equivalent.

5. Award of the Qualification

- 5.1 Candidates who successfully complete the requirements of this programme will be eligible for the award of the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) Rural Animal Technician strand.

6. Schedule of Modules

Note: no value in the pre/co-requisite columns means there are no pre/co-requisites for that module.

Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
ANML401	Animal Anatomy and Physiology	4	15		
ANML507	Animal Health Procedures	5	15		ANML508 ANML509
ANML508	Farming and Pasture Systems	5	15		ANML507 ANML509

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Module Code	Module Name	Level	Credits	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites
ANML509	Introduction to Professional Practice	5	15		ANML507 ANML508
ANML510	Rural Animal Health and Husbandry	5	15	ANML508	ANML512
ANML511	Advanced Animal Health Procedures	5	15	ANML507	
ANML512	Rural Animal Disease Management and Prevention	5	15		ANML510
ANML513	Advanced Professional Practice	5	15	ANML509	