



**JAMES COOK
UNIVERSITY**
AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

INFORMATION FOR 2020 ENTRY

This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who can progress to veterinary practice and to further studies in veterinary specialities. Graduates will be uniquely qualified in the fields of rural/remote and tropical veterinary practice.

Overview

James Cook University's Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree course is a 5 year undergraduate course and is primarily for school leavers (i.e. applicants who have completed Year 12 or equivalent in the last two years). A limited number of places may be available for non-school leavers.

Facilities on the Townsville campus include teaching laboratories, a range of livestock paddocks and yards, small animal pens and access to JCU's own cattle station at nearby Charters Towers, Fletcherview. Students gain the skills to diagnose, treat and prevent diseases in pets, livestock, aquatic species and native fauna. In their final year, students undergo clinical placements in a range of settings across northern Queensland at JCU facilities in Townsville, the Atherton Tablelands and Mackay as well as local veterinary hospitals, practices and in government agencies.

This course is accredited by the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC). Graduates are eligible to practice as Veterinarians in Australia, New Zealand and UK.

Submissions

Please read the information below before applying for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science course at James Cook University.

The Application Form for selection into the James Cook University degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Science is to be returned:

By Post

Division of Tropical Health and Medicine
PO Box 864, Aitkenvale Business Centre
QLD 4814 Australia

In Person

Student Centre
Education Central Building 134
Townsville Campus QLD 4811 Australia

The application closing date is **30 September, 2019**. Applications postmarked¹ after this date will NOT be accepted.

Important dates: 2020 entry

2 August 2019	Application opening date for JCU Application Form
2 August 2019	Application opening date QTAC
30 September 2019	Closing date for JCU Application Form
30 September 2019	Closing date for QTAC Application
15 January 2020	QTAC offers released to applicants
21 January 2020	Last date to respond to QTAC January offer round, applicants must respond to QTAC
17 February 2020	Orientation Week begins
24 February 2020	JCU Academic Year begins



How do I apply?

The Veterinary Science application process has two distinct stages. You will need to submit an application directly to James Cook University (by filling in the application form) AND apply online through QTAC.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants

The College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences is committed to contributing to the University's desire to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who participate in its programs, and makes particular effort to encourage Indigenous students to participate in veterinary education. It is committed to responding to their identified higher education needs. A key objective of the JCU College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences is to graduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterinarians. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants interested in pursuing a career in Veterinary Science should contact the [Indigenous Education and Research Centre](#) via email at ierc@jcu.edu.au.

New Zealand Citizens

New Zealand Citizens need to apply as Domestic Applicant.

New Zealand Permanent Residents

New Zealand permanent residents need to apply as International Applicant.

Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance in Year 12 studies or in subsequent tertiary studies as provided through QTAC
- Evaluation of the written component of the application form
- Rural and remote or Indigenous background

A limited number of places are allocated to non Year 12 applicants. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their written application and their most recent GPA (Grade Point Average).

In 2020, the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences has available approximately 80 places in the first year of the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.

Information for those who are not studying Year 12 or equivalent this year

The most recent course GPA (Grade Point Average) score will be used to rank applicants who have commenced or completed tertiary studies. While an applicant's most recent GPA is given the most weight, the applicant's complete academic profile as supplied by QTAC may be considered. An applicant's other studies/qualifications that do not generate a GPA score will not be considered.

Graduate applicants with a related background may be considered for entry into the Bachelor of Veterinary Science beyond Year 1 level, subject to the academic performance of the most recent qualification.

Successful applicants

Offers of a place in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree are made by QTAC. QTAC will make an offer for the highest preference for which you qualify. Successful applicants are required to follow the QTAC procedure for acceptance of a place in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree.

Unsuccessful applicants

An applicant who has been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the James Cook University Bachelor of Veterinary Science, but who is strongly motivated towards a career in the veterinary science field, might consider undertaking one of the other health or biomedical science degrees offered at JCU.

Unsuccessful applicants considering undertaking studies in one of the above degrees with a view to eventual acceptance into the veterinary science degree should be aware that the number of places available for non-school leaver entry into the James Cook University Bachelor of Veterinary Science is limited and it would be inappropriate and most unwise for an unsuccessful applicant to see that eventual outcome as anything other than a possibility.

Pre-requisites

For entry into James Cook University's Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree, applicants must have successfully completed four semesters at Year 12 level and achieved an exit level of at least Sound Achievement in English, Mathematics B and Chemistry, the study of Biology is highly desirable.

If you are unsure of the Australian pre-requisite requirement please contact the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at the website address: www.qtac.edu.au

For International equivalents contact James Cook International via email: internationaladmissions@jcu.edu.au



Policies and Standards

Students and staff are required to abide by various health and safety policies and standards. Progression through the veterinary science degree comprises of various compulsory elements including successful completion of requisites and mandatory professional placements. For further information on the course structure, candidature, progression, and advanced standing refer to the [Course Handbook](#).

Inherent requirements and reasonable adjustments

Inherent requirements are the fundamental abilities, attributes, skills and behaviors needed to successfully complete the course. Find your course requirements under [Inherent Requirements](#).

Professional Experience Placement

Professional Experience Placement is a formal component of this course and prepares you for registration and/or accreditation as a professional in your field.

This course has other specific admission requirements such as the requirement to be currently immunised to Tetanus and Q Fever, and to obtain a First Aid and CPR certificate.

Students must complete all Professional Experience Placement requirements by the prescribed deadlines and maintain currency of all requirement in order to stay admitted to the course.

Visit [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#) for more information.

Vaccinations

Q FEVER VACCINATION

Students must provide evidence of being immune to Q Fever prior to commencing their first Professional Experience Placement or by the end of the first Teaching Period of their studies (whichever is sooner), otherwise their enrolment will be terminated. Students who are not immune to Q Fever will not be permitted on-site at some facilities and consequently this may result in their inability to complete the requirements of the degree as accredited by the relevant professional accrediting body. If a student has not complied with the above requirements by the last day of the first Teaching Period of their studies, their enrolment will be terminated.

Students will receive information regarding all pre-placement requirements at the commencement of their first year. Information on the pre-placement requirements for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science can be found at [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#).

Contact details

Student Centre

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www.jcu.edu.au/cphmvs

Indigenous Education and Research Centre
Email: ierc@jcu.edu.au
www.jcu.edu.au/ierc

James Cook University Handbook
www.jcu.edu.au/handbooks

James Cook University Accommodation
www.jcu.edu.au/accommodation

James Cook University Scholarships
www.jcu.edu.au/scholarships-@-jcu

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)
www.qtac.edu.au