

2024

Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Entry Information for Domestic Applicants



This program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who can progress to veterinary practice and to further studies in a veterinary specialty. 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 a broad range of animal species raised in different systems. In their final year, students undergo clinical placements in a range of settings across northern Queensland at JCU facilities in Townsville, the Atherton Tablelands 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, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

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Important Dates

2023	1 AUG	Application opening date for JCU and QTAC Application Form
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2024	11 JAN	QTAC offer released
	15 JAN	Last date to respond to offer
	12 FEB	Orientation Week
	19 FEB	JCU Academic Year begins

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How do I apply?

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

JCU has a two-step application process for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honors).

Steps to apply

1. Apply online via the [QTAC website](#); AND
2. Apply online directly to [JCU via the website](#).

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER APPLICANTS

The College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Science 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 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 Science 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.

Rural Access Scheme

As a rural institution, JCU recognises the challenges faced by those studying in rural and remote areas. The College of Medicine and Dentistry and the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Science are participating in the [Rural Access Scheme](#) (RAS) and will offer a number of rural places to students recognised as coming from a rural and remote background.



Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on a combination of 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
- Rurality and remote or Indigenous background

In 2024, the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Science 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 will 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 recent qualification.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE NEW ZEALAND APPLICANTS STUDYING NCEA THIS YEAR

New Zealand students studying and completing the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) in 2023 are unlikely to receive their NCEA results early enough to be considered for entry to the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) at JCU in 2024. Due to the expected timing of the release of the NCEA results, students currently studying and completing the NCEA are encouraged to apply to JCU in 2024, for the 2025 entry for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours).

1. Postmarked refers to the date stamp that the post office applies to the envelope once you have handed it in to be mailed.

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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.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

JCU receives a large number of applications for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) each year, with many being unsuccessful each intake.

All applicants seeking a place in the James Cook University Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons) are strongly advised to also apply for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science at JCU and to rank this as their second preference. JCU has provided pathways to the BVSc(Hons) for students enrolled in and partially completed or who have completed the BBiomedSci at JCU.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the James Cook University Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Hons) and who enrol in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science at JCU, must reapply in subsequent years and their selection will be dependent on their academic performance and their written application within the pool of applicants for that subsequent year's intake.

Request for Feedback

With a high volume of applications to the Veterinary course, JCU is not able to provide individuals with information or feedback about their application. This includes information or feedback about an individual's written application form or interview.

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the JCU Veterinary course may choose to **appeal the outcome** of their application provided you have legitimate grounds.

Pre-requisites

For entry into James Cook University's Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree, applicants must have successfully completed Year 12 level English (Units 3/4, C), Mathematical Methods (Units 3/4, C) and Chemistry (Units 3/4, C), the study of Biology is highly desirable. Applicants with a view to eventual acceptance into the veterinary science degree but who have not completed the prerequisites are strongly advised to apply for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science at JCU, which has no prerequisites. JCU has provided pathways to the BVSc(Hons) for students enrolled in and partially completed or who have completed the BBiomedSci at JCU.

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: admissions@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. Information on the pre-placement requirements for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science can be found at [Preparing for Professional Experience Placement](#).

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](#).

This course has other specific admission requirements such as immunisation and/or other requirements that Students must comply with. Students must complete all Professional Experience Placement requirements by the prescribed deadlines and maintain currency of all requirements to stay admitted to the course.

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. 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 commencement of Week 3 of the first Teaching Period. 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 Week 3 of the first Teaching Period, their enrolment will be terminated.

The College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Science recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year.

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Contact details

STUDENT CENTRE

Phone: Student Centre Townsville – 07 4781 5255
Phone: Student Centre Cairns – 07 4232 1000
Email: enquiries@jcu.edu.au
www.jcu.edu.au

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MEDICAL AND VETERINARY SCIENCE

www.jcu.edu.au/cphmvs

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE

www.jcu.edu.au/ierc

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY HANDBOOK

<https://www.jcu.edu.au/course-and-subject-handbook>

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



Before completing the application form, please read the Course and Subject Handbook for this course, together with other course-specific information published by JCU in relation to the application process, which may specify additional criteria to be considered in ranking applicants in order of merit.

If the number of applications exceeds a quota or other limit on the places made available for the course, the information provided by you in this form and any other information obtained by JCU in the application process may be used to rank applicants in order of merit by reference to those additional criteria.

The information in this brochure is intended as a general guide and was correct at the time of printing. Prospective students should contact the University to confirm admission requirements and availability of courses. JCU reserves the right to alter any course or admission requirements without prior notice. CRICOS Provider Code: 00117]. Updated August 2023.