James Cook University’s Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree 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 program aims to produce graduates of the highest academic standards, who can progress to veterinary practice and to further studies in veterinary specialties. Graduates will be uniquely qualified in the fields of rural/remote and tropical veterinary practice.

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Successful applicants for a place in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree

Offers of a place in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree are made by James Cook International. Applicants are advised to check with an Australian Embassy or High Commission regarding the length of time required to obtain a student visa from their country.

Unsuccessful applicants

Applicants who are unsuccessful will be notified by James Cook International. An applicant who has been unsuccessful in obtaining a place in the James Cook University Bachelor of Veterinary Science this year, but who is strongly motivated towards a career in the Veterinary Science field, might consider undertaking a Bachelor degree in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Sciences or Science. Unsuccessful applicants considering undertaking studies in one of the above degrees with a view to eventual acceptance into the Veterinary Science degree, should however be aware that the number of places available for non-school leaver entry into the James Cook University Bachelor of Veterinary Science is very limited, and it would be inappropriate and most unwise for an unsuccessful applicant to see that eventual outcome as any more than a possibility.

English language requirements

Students whose native language is not English must demonstrate their proficiency by achieving the appropriate score in the IELTS test.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST MINIMUM SCORES

JCU Band 3a

IELTS 7.0 overall with no component lower than 6.5

Pre-requisites

For entry into James Cook University’s Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree, applicants must have successfully completed four semesters and achieved an exit level of at least Sound Achievement in English, Mathematics B and Chemistry or interstate or overseas equivalent. The study of Biology is highly desirable. For international equivalents contact James Cook International via e-mail: iscadmissions@jcu.edu.au

Vaccinations

Q FEVER VACCINATION

Students must provide evidence of being immune to Q Fever within the first teaching period of their studies. 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.

The College of Public Health, Medical & Veterinary Sciences recommends additional vaccinations and students will receive information regarding these vaccinations at the commencement of their first year. A copy of the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine Infectious Diseases Policy can be reviewed at: www.jcu.edu.au/dthm/infectious-diseases-policy

Summary of selection process

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic performance in year 12 studies or in subsequent tertiary studies
- Evaluation of the written component of the application form
- In 2016, College of Public Health, Medical & Veterinary Sciences has available approximately 5 places in the Bachelor of Veterinary Science course for International applicants.

Important dates 2016 entry

31 March 2015 Application opening date for JCU Application Form. Applications will be accepted for 2016 entry from this date.

30 September 2015 Closing date for JCU Application Form and International Undergraduate application form.

Applications received after this date will not be accepted.

15 February 2016 JCU Orientation week begins

22 February 2016 JCU Academic Year begins

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