

Graduate Opportunities

Veterinary Science graduates can work in a range of settings including **small/large animal private clinical practises, animal hospitals, government/public sector, non-profit & welfare, zoos/aquariums and wildlife rehabilitations centres**. Most work as **veterinarians** but alternative/second careers might include:

- Animal Nutritionist
- Animal Physiotherapist
- Research Scientist
- University Lecturer
- Biosecurity Officer/Quarantine Vet
- Practice Manager/Multi-Clinic Manager
- Policy Advisor – Animal Health/Biosecurity

Look at: [What Can I Do With My Veterinary Degree?](#)

Vet Registration

To practice veterinary medicine in Australia you must be registered with the [Veterinary Surgeons Board](#). After at least 3.5 years of practice you may seek membership with the [Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists \(ANZCVS\)](#) which signifies a high level of competence.

With at least 5 years of practice under your belt and further training you can seek endorsement as a [specialist](#) within the area of veterinary medicine you wish to pursue in depth.

Professional Associations

The following Professional Associations are worth investigating. Members of the AVA gain access to **newsletters, professional development resources, a mentoring programme** and more.

- [Australian Veterinary Association \(AVA\)](#)
- [Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Sciences](#)
- [International Veterinary Students Association](#)

Sector Job Sites

While veterinary jobs can be found on mainstream sites like [Seek](#), here are some veterinary-specific job boards:

- [Kookaburra Vets](#)
- [AVA Career Connect](#)
- [Vet Partners](#)
- [The Vet Service](#)

Professional Development

Medicine evolves quickly so professional development is key within the veterinary profession. **In most states registered vets are required to complete a minimum amount of continuous professional development (CPD)** so make sure you know your state's board rules. For more information see:

- [How Many CPD Points do Vets Need?](#)
- [Vet Set 2 Go \(Vet Employability Resources\)](#)

Recommended Skills

Medical Knowledge; Problem Solving; **Teamwork**; Written and Verbal Communication; **Adaptability**; Emotional Intelligence; **Stress Management**; Continued Learning; **Empathy and Compassion**

Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Prosplo](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)
- [Smart Jobs](#)

JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)