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Bachelor of Veterinary Technology
– TAFE articulated program

Why study Veterinary Technology?
CSU’s Bachelor of Veterinary Technology is unique in that it formally recognises the skills and knowledge you have gained during your Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing training and provides you with credit into the degree. You will extend your knowledge and skills, and be prepared to advance your career to the next level through the opportunity to specialise in Clinical Technology, Large Animal Technology or Practice Management.

This course has been designed in response to rising educational standards for veterinary technologists internationally. A degree qualification is now required for veterinary technologists in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Increasing demand for high quality companion animal care, pressure on production animal systems and significant advances in reproductive technology mean a degree-level qualification is also becoming more important for veterinary paraprofessionals in Australia. CSU’s Bachelor of Veterinary Technology has been developed to meet this need.

What is CSU’s Bachelor of Veterinary Technology articulated program?
An articulated program is one where your veterinary nursing qualifications are formally recognised, this is important for two reasons:

- the completion of your Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing ensures that you have met the entry requirements for the degree and do not require an ATAR to apply.
- there is also a formal credit package that recognises the skills and knowledge that you bring from your previous work and study which enables you to receive credit for some subjects.

This pathway is only available to those who already hold a qualification in Veterinary Nursing (i.e. either the Certificate IV or one of the Diploma of Veterinary Nursing qualifications). Students in the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology articulated program will receive a credit package of between 32 and 48 points (four to six subjects) depending on their veterinary nursing qualification. You will then complete the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology through CSU, either on campus at Wagga Wagga or by supported distance education.

What will I learn?
As well as a general stream, the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology offers specialist streams in Clinical Technology, Large Animal Technology and Practice Management, so you can select the subjects that best meet your current and future employment needs and goals.

You will study areas including animal handling, animal welfare, animal nutrition, anatomy and physiology, clinical examination skills, communication, ethics and moral issues in the animal care and veterinary services industries, animal reproduction technologies, and emergency management and critical care procedures.

This course has been developed in collaboration with representatives from veterinary practices, pig, poultry and dairy industries, horse studs, animal welfare organisations and zoos. Practical experience across a range of settings will ensure you graduate work-ready with the skills sought by employers.

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“This course will allow regional students both studying and practising in the area to gain access to modernised educational facilities equal to those seen in the city. The option to study online will allow those in remote areas the same educational opportunities as students sitting in the classroom. “As the industry grows, the need for more highly skilled veterinary nurses is inevitable. A program such as the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology will ensure the production of well-rounded, highly skilled veterinary nurses in the animal care sector well into the future.”

Amie Chalwell
Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing graduate

Study locations
CSU's study locations in Wagga Wagga and Wangaratta offer excellent facilities for students in Animal and Veterinary Sciences courses.

Wagga Wagga Campus facilities include state-of-the-art, purpose-built clinical and pre-clinical centres, an Equine Centre, on campus farm, museums and laboratories where you will work with real animals on campus. CSU in Wangaratta has similar animal science and veterinary sciences facilities, with a laboratory and clinical spaces, plus specialist veterinary technology simulated training equipment.

Career opportunities
As a graduate of CSU's Bachelor of Veterinary Technology, you will be eligible to seek employment as veterinary technologists and paraprofessionals in a range of animal care settings.

These may include:
- private and specialist veterinary clinics
- practice management
- intensive animal industries
- zoo and wildlife parks
- animal research
- pharmaceutical companies.

Graduates can also pursue postgraduate study options including Honours, Masters and PhD with CSU.

Workplace learning
Workplace learning is an integral part of this course, and is included in a number of subjects, depending on the stream you select. Your workplace learning experience will range from five to 15 days in duration, and can be undertaken in a range of settings related to your theoretical study, helping you apply what you are learning in the course to real life settings.

The ability to use your existing workplace for workplace learning will be dependent upon the learning outcomes of the subject and the case load and equipment you have access to in your current workplace.

Flexible study options
This course provides flexible study options that allow you to combine on campus and distance education study to suit your needs. You will be able to access a wide range of study resources, communication tools, readings and interactive learning activities using CSU's online systems. Online resources could also include videos, simulated teaching presentations, and self-assessment questions.

Your theoretical learning will be complemented with residential schools for distance education subjects, where you will come on campus both in Wagga Wagga (NSW) and Wangaratta (Victoria) for a few days to develop practical skills, complete hands-on learning activities and meet other students and staff.

Further information
For more information about the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology articulated program, including how to apply, visit:
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