

College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences



The Higher Certificate in Animal Welfare

AIM OF THE QUALIFICATION

Qualifying students will be equipped with knowledge and skills specified by the South African Veterinary Council for the paraveterinary profession of Veterinary Welfare Assistant. They will thus be able to demonstrate and apply knowledge of animal anatomy and physiology, behaviour and husbandry, standards for ethical behaviour in relation to animals, and a range of other knowledge and skills related to animal care and well-being

The qualification strives to promote animal welfare awareness and a commitment to ethical animal care and well-being. It further aims to alleviate the severe shortage of veterinary-related skills in South Africa by providing qualified Veterinary Welfare Assistants to work in support of animal welfare organisations in communities across the country. In so doing, it will promote the general benefits people derive from a healthy companion animal population, and also contribute to advancing social and economic transformation by providing accessible opportunities for individual and career development to people from all social and cultural groups.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A National Senior Certificate (NSC) with at least 30% in the language of teaching and learning and in Life Sciences or Agricultural Sciences or equivalent,
- Or a Senior Certificate (SC) with at least an F symbol on HG or an E symbol on SG in the language of teaching and learning and Biology or Agricultural Sciences or equivalent, Or a National Certificate (Vocational) with at least 30% in the language of teaching and learning and Agriculture
- Nature Conservation

To enter higher certificate qualifications students have to comply with all admission requirements.

MINIMUM DURATION OF STUDY

The duration of this qualification is a minimum of 1 year

MAJOR SUBJECTS

There are no electives in this qualification, so students registering for the course will be required to complete all the modules listed below:

- (APH1501) Anatomy & Physiology
- (ANW1501) Introduction to Animal Welfare
- (ANB1501) Introduction to Animal Behaviour
- (AAH1501) Animal Care and Handling
- (AHC1501) Applied Animal Health Care
- (PHC1501) Primary Animal Health Care
- (PHC1502) Primary Animal Health Care II
- (AWD1501) Introduction to Animal Diseases
- (AEX1602) Community Extension Practice

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Veterinary Welfare Assistant with Animal Welfare Organisations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Students with disabilities will be granted admission wherever the nature of their disability does not preclude them from achieving the outcomes of the qualification. Severely visually impaired students will unfortunately not be able to function optimally in this field.

2. Recognition of Prior Learning(RPL)

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements but have relevant experience may contact the RPL Academic Coordinator for the Science Colleges, George Leuta, via:

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Email: leutagn@unisa.ac.za

RPL website: www.unisa.ac.za/rpl-Unisa website: <http://www.unisa.ac.za>

3. Registration with the South African Veterinary Council

The Higher Certificate: Animal Welfare is approved for Certification with the SAVC. It is compulsory for each student to register with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) the first time they register for the qualification and stay registered until they complete the course. The relevant form is available on the SAVC website <http://www.savc.org.za>. The form should be completed by the student and then stamped by UNISA at any UNISA CENTRE. The student should liaise with the SAVC Tel: 012 345-6347 / 6360: fax: 012 345-6369 to complete the registration process. No student is allowed to proceed with the course if they have not registered with the SAVC.

CONTACT DETAILS

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