

'AS A RECENT GRADUATE, I AM CONFIDENT WORKING AS A MIXED ANIMAL VETERINARIAN AND EVEN JUST PURCHASED MY FIRST HOME! THE DECISION TO STUDY AT MASSEY HAS SHAPED MY PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES AND ALLOWED ME TO THRIVE IN A VIBRANT NEW ENVIRONMENT.'

The Bachelor of Veterinary Science was an amazing experience of a lifetime for me. Originally from USA, I completed my undergraduate degree in Colorado. I then chose Massey's veterinary programme as it's well recognised overseas, and being AVMA accredited, I could work just about anywhere in the world. I came here for the academics, but also the adventure.

During the degree, I appreciated all the practical, hands-on learning opportunities right from the start. I made new friends easily by joining the Veterinary Student Association and the Alpine Club. There are many clubs and intramural sports available to students.

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USA



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**BACHELOR OF
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WHY STUDY VETERINARY SCIENCE AT MASSEY?

JOIN A WORLD-CLASS VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAMME

Massey University's veterinary degree offers excellent training across a broad range of species. Our students receive hands-on animal experience from day one, and in the final clinical year, students can choose to focus (or track) in a range of areas.

Our international students are an important part of our programme. We recognise the unique dedication needed to pursue a veterinary degree abroad and ensure our students are fully supported. Our close-knit community allows students to thrive both academically and personally.

New Zealand's stunning landscapes, safe environment, and adventurous outdoor lifestyle complement the high-quality education we offer. We're excited about the prospect of welcoming you to Massey University, where you will gain not just a degree, but a remarkable life experience.

PROFESSOR JENNY WESTON
BPhil, BVSc, PGDipEdAdminLead, PhD
Dean of Veterinary Education
School of Veterinary Science

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UNIVERSITIES
IN THE WORLD

**MASSEY UNIVERSITY
IS RANKED 230TH
EQUAL IN THE WORLD.**

2026 QS World University Rankings.
All ranking information is correct at publication.





WHY STUDY THE BACHELOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE?

Massey University's Veterinary School is ranked #1 in the Southern Hemisphere (21st globally) in the 2024 QS World University Rankings by Subject, the only global ranking for veterinary programmes.

GLOBAL CAREERS

The Massey University veterinary programme is recognised internationally by many countries and was the first in the Southern Hemisphere to be accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). As a graduate, you will be able to work in many places in the world including the USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and several countries in Asia, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

FAST TRACK YOUR CAREER

Our Veterinary Science qualification is a five-year degree, which is the fastest pathway to becoming a fully qualified veterinarian from an AVMA accredited programme. By spending fewer years at university, you can start your veterinary career sooner and save on tuition fees.

The academic year begins in late February with two semesters each year. The first semester of year one is a 'pre-selection' semester, and those selected continue into the professional programme in July for a further four and a half years. Students that have met our prerequisites may apply for direct entry and need to do the 'pre-selection semester'.

A FANTASTIC PLACE TO STUDY

Our vet school is in Palmerston North, a safe, centrally located and student-friendly town of 80,000 in the lower North Island. Only 20 minutes' drive to the beach, and about two hours from the Mt. Ruapehu ski fields and New Zealand's capital city of Wellington, the school has modern, recently built or refurbished facilities.

MORE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PLACES THAN EVER BEFORE

There will be 50 places available in the professional phase for international students. That's double the number previously, doubling your chance of being selected for continued training in veterinary science.

AN OUTSTANDING PROGRAMME

You will be well trained in a broad range of species, with hands-on, problem-solving learning in a competency-based curriculum. In line with the international recognition of the degree, you will find it a rigorous and challenging programme. You will need to work hard, and apply yourself during your studies, but the result will be an interesting, varied and rewarding career.

A note for Canadian and American applicants: An undergraduate veterinary degree is a different educational model than you may be used to. Our degree is fully accredited by the Canadian and American Veterinary Medical Associations, and is recognised as equivalent to a DVM degree from a North American vet school. This means you can return to the US or Canada, and work in the same way as if you had graduated from a vet school there. No previous undergraduate degree is needed to start your vet school education.

NEXT STEPS

Once admitted to Massey University, study veterinary science you will need:

- A solid foundation in the sciences
 - To complete 40 hours of veterinary work experience prior to coming to Massey University to study
 - To complete the 'pre-selection' programme at Massey University, held in semester one each year (late February to mid-June).
- In this semester you'll enrol in:

Course ID	Course Name
123104	Chemistry for Biological Systems
124103	Biophysical Principles
162101	Cell Biology
199103	Animals and the Environment

To be selected into the professional stage of the veterinary science programme beginning in July each year you'll need to:

- Pass all classes in the pre-selection semester.
- Achieve at least a B average for those courses
- Entry to the professional phase is by selection based on your academic performance, non-academic performance, and relevant experience.

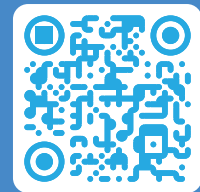
You may also be evaluated for direct entry into the professional phase of the programme on the basis of at least two years of university level study at home, which meet the equivalent of our pre-selection course. If you receive direct entry into the BVSc programme, your total study time will be 4.5 years.

APPLICATIONS

Visit massey.ac.nz/bvsc for more information about studying to become a veterinarian at Massey University. Applications and all supporting documents should be received at Massey University no later than November 1 of the year prior to the year you're hoping to start (e.g., November 1, 2025, for 2026 entry).

OTHER RECOGNISED ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS

For other recognised English language examinations and their required scores, please scan for more information.



SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a range of scholarships available to first year and current Massey University students. Visit massey.ac.nz/scholarships for more information.



AT A GLANCE

Duration	5 years full-time (600 credits). Up to 8 years part-time
Location	Available on the Manawātū Campus.
Tuition Fee	Pre-selection NZ\$21,150 for 1 semester Professional Phase 4.5 years NZ \$84,220