

# New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting

## Rural Animal Healthcare strand

**LEVEL 4**

(Full time or Part time)



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# NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL HEALTHCARE ASSISTING (LEVEL 4) RURAL ANIMAL HEALTHCARE STRAND.

## ● ● STRATEGIC PURPOSE STATEMENT

The programme aims to provide individuals with the necessary skills and technical knowledge to assist in the provision of rural animal healthcare in a clinical veterinary practice or an animal healthcare setting.

Graduates of the NTA programme will have the technical knowledge and skills to assist veterinarians and veterinary nurses in a clinical veterinary setting. They will be capable of working under broad supervision, or guidance within their scope of practice, in a wide range of dynamic and often unpredictable situations.

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## ● ● GRADUATE PROFILE

With regards to rural animals, graduates will have knowledge and the skills related to:

- Compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements.
- Effective clinical practice, quality improvement processes, and animal patient centred care
- Teamwork, effective communication, and customer service.
- Rural animal species requirements, behaviour, husbandry, feeding and housing.
- Effectively handle and restrain rural animal patients with minimum stress
- Maintain hygiene and infection control.
- Provide supportive care to rural animal patients
- Assist with common clinical procedures
- Basic anatomy and physiology knowledge.
- Understanding of basic first aid and emergency processes.

## ● ● EDUCATION PATHWAY

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) or the New Zealand Diploma in Rural Animal Veterinary Technology (Level 6) or the New Zealand Diploma in Animal Healthcare Technology (Level 6).

## ● ● FEES

You may be eligible for "Fees Free" training. See [feesfree.govt.nz](http://feesfree.govt.nz) for more information.

## ● ● ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students must have the physical capability to cope with the practical demands of this programme and demonstrate a commitment to meet the attendance and academic conditions of the programme.

Prospective students will be expected to work with animals of different species, and to take part in learning that may involve dissection of cadavers and handling of animal body parts and fluids.

To be admitted to the programme applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must be at least 16 years of age at the commencement of the programme.
- 40 credits at NCEA level 1, including 10 literacy credits and 10 numeracy credits, or a recognised equivalent.

Or

- The relevant pathway programme, or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2, or a recognised equivalent qualification.

## ● ● EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY

Graduates will have the skills and technical knowledge to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians in a clinical veterinary setting either in a large animal practice or out in the field.

Graduates will be eligible to apply for registration on the New Zealand Register of Animal Healthcare Assistants.

## ● ● INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Programme approved for international students.