

Doctor of Veterinary Clinical Science

1 Definitions

In these rules—

dean means the dean of the graduate school;

head of school means the academic staff member responsible for leadership of the teaching, research and administration in the School of Veterinary Science.

2 Minimum requirements for consideration of entry

To be admitted as a candidate, the applicant must—

- (a) hold either—
 - (i) an approved bachelor's degree in veterinary science with honours class IIB or better, which must include relevant experience to the satisfaction of the dean; or
 - (ii) an approved postgraduate degree in veterinary science of at least one year full-time equivalent and an overall GPA of 5, which must include relevant experience to the satisfaction of the dean; or
 - (iii) an approved bachelor's degree in veterinary science or equivalent in the same discipline, plus at least two years of documented relevant experience, or completion of one year of an internship program under the supervision of a registered veterinary specialist.
- (b) satisfy the dean that the applicant is suitably qualified for admission and is able to meet the specialist practicum requirements.

3 Candidature, enrolment and progression

- (1) To complete the program, a candidate must complete 56 units from the DVCLinSc course list including a research thesis of 50,000-55,000 words.
- (2) Enrolment is in Research Quarters and commencement in a Research Quarter is fixed to a specific period.
- (3) A candidate must commence in Research Quarter 1 or Research Quarter 3.
- (4) Unless otherwise approved by the dean, a candidate must pursue the program without interruption from the first enrolment date to the completion of all program requirements.
- (5) If interruption is taken, a candidate must recommence in Research Quarter 1 or Research Quarter 3.
- (6) A candidate must undertake the program of study and research on a full-time basis. Part-time enrolment in the program is not permitted.
- (7) A candidate is expected to be located at UQ, or other location approved by the Graduate School and the School of Veterinary Science, for their research and study. Remote enrolment in the program is not permitted.
- (8) For the duration of the program, a candidate must be registered with Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland.

4 Milestone structure and timing

- (1) A candidate must achieve thesis milestones. Any item not covered within the program rules regarding milestones will be conducted in accordance with [PPL 4.60.05 Higher Degree by Research Candidature Progression](#).

- (2) The timeframe is—
 - (a) Confirmation to occur at the end of the fourth Research Quarter; and
 - (b) Mid-candidature Review to occur in the eighth Research Quarter; and
 - (c) Thesis Review to occur in the thirteenth Research Quarter; and
 - (d) Thesis submission to occur in the fourteenth Research Quarter.
- (3) If a milestone is not completed by census date of the following research quarter, a review of candidature may be initiated.
- (4) A candidate must pass all practicum requirements of the program to attain the Thesis Review milestone.

5 Termination of enrolment

The dean may terminate a candidate's enrolment in accordance with [PPL 4.60.11 Higher Degree by Research Candidature](#).