

Doctor of Veterinary Clinical Science

1 Definitions

- (1) For the purposes of applying PPL 3.40.10b *Program Rules and Requirements - Procedures*, a reference to student is to be read as candidate;
- (2) 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 Entry requirements

- (1) Before applying for admission an applicant must—
 - (a) discuss the proposed program with the head of school; and
 - (b) if required by the head of school, attend an interview.
- (2) To be admitted as a candidate, the applicant must—
 - (a) hold an approved degree in veterinary science with honours class IIA or equivalent; and
 - (b) have completed 2 years of graduate clinical experience; and
 - (c) be eligible for registration with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Queensland; and
 - (d) satisfy the head of school and dean that the applicant is qualified for admission.

3 Approval of admission

The dean must —

- (a) appoint a supervisor; and
- (b) set the date of registration as a candidate; and
- (c) set any special conditions.

4 Program of study and research

- (1) To complete the program, a candidate must complete 56 units from the DVCLinSc course list, comprising—
 - (a) 18 units from part A; and
 - (b) 38 units from part B, comprising a research thesis of 50-55,000 words.
- (2) In addition to the requirements of rule 4(1), a candidate must—
 - (a) unless otherwise approved by the dean, pursue the program without interruption from the first enrolment date to the completion of all program requirements; and
 - (b) for the duration of enrolment in the program, be registered with the Queensland Veterinary Surgeons Board.

5 Thesis milestones

A candidate must achieve thesis milestones. The expected timeframe is—

- (1) Research Quarter 1 commencement—
 - (a) Confirmation to occur in Research Quarter 4, Year 1 (1 October to 31 December); and
 - (b) Mid-candidature Review to occur in Research Quarter 4, Year 2 (1 October to 31 December); and
 - (c) Thesis Review to occur in Research Quarter 1, Year 4 (1 January to 31 March); and
 - (d) Thesis submission to occur in Research Quarter 2, Year 4 (1 April to 30 June).
- (2) Research Quarter 3 commencement—
 - (a) Confirmation to occur in Research Quarter 2, Year 1 (1 April to 30 June); and

- (b) Mid-candidature Review to occur in Research Quarter 2, Year 2 (1 April to 30 June); and
 - (c) Thesis Review to occur in Research Quarter 3, Year 4 (1 July to 30 September); and
 - (d) Thesis submission to occur in Research Quarter 4, Year 4 (1 April to 30 June).
- (3) Milestones should be completed within the nominated Research Quarter. No extensions will be granted to milestones except in the case of approved interruption to program enrolment.

6 Termination of enrolment

- (1) The dean may terminate a candidate's enrolment at any time if the dean decides that the candidate has not—
- (a) made satisfactory progress with the work after receiving sufficient notice of and guidance about unsatisfactory progress and how to remedy it; or
 - (b) complied with a reasonable direction of the advisor, head of school or dean; or
 - (c) complied with a condition of enrolment set by the Dean; or
 - (d) ensured that no milestone or submission is overdue; or
 - (e) lodged a candidature request required under UQ policies and procedures; or
 - (f) met financial obligations to the University; or
 - (g) ensured that all information supplied in association with the enrolment, including information provided in the application for admission, is complete and accurate.
- (2) A candidate whose enrolment has been terminated cannot apply for re-admission to the same research project at a future date, and cannot receive a reduction in the minimum time in accordance with GAR 4.8 Progress of study and research on the basis of work completed in the terminated research project.