



Rural Animal Technician Level 5 40 Week - Full time (2021)

*The programme is approved by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under section 249 of the Education Act 1989, and Ag Challenge Ltd is accredited to provide it under section 250 of the Act. *Components subject to change.*

In 2021 AGC Training has designed and developed a new Rural Animal Technician Level 5 programme for delivery in 2021. This programme is designed to create authentic and real-life learning experiences that produce job-ready graduates.

Programme components have been designed to align with the seasons, so that students can engage in real-time learning as it happens on the teaching farm, as well as in work-placements.

This programme supports individuals to develop the skills, knowledge, and attributes to work as rural animal technicians. Students are required to complete practical activities and a minimum number of hours in a veterinary practice or alongside a rural veterinarian.

Rural Animal Technicians assist veterinarians either in a large rural animal practice or in conjunction with a veterinarian as a technician in a farm setting. Farm setting may include a specialised field such as artificial insemination or pregnancy scanning.

This programme consists of six compulsory courses:

1. Introduction to Rural Animal Practice
2. Rural Animal Health and Nutrition
3. Reproduction and Disease in Rural Animals
4. Technical Tasks for Animal Health and Welfare
5. Clinical Communication and Sales
6. Pharmacology and Product

Successful completion of the programme leads to the award of the:

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) Rural Animal Technician strand

Graduates of this qualification will have demonstrated that they are able to:

- Work safely, ethically and professionally as a rural animal technician.
- Carry out routine clinical examinations of rural animals under supervision.
- Apply knowledge of different species and breeds when managing health and welfare of rural animals.
- Apply skills and knowledge to work effectively with a range of large rural animals as a rural animal technician.
- Proficiently carry out technical tasks associated with maintaining rural animal health and welfare.

Graduates of this qualification may be employed as rural animal technicians working with companion or rural animals.

To be eligible to enrol onto the programme, applicants must:

- have shown some commitment to working with animals and with the public,
- have completed 60 NCEA credits at level 2
- have a minimum of 12 NCEA credits in English at level 2 in Maths at level 1; and 12 credits of relevant science at level 1: or
- provide evidence of the equivalent tertiary study.

Students also need to be physically able to undertake practical activities in a rural setting.

Applicants will be interviewed prior to being accepted onto the programme.

Programme Starts: 1st February 2021 (Semester 3 start date TBC)	
Course Contact Days: Monday - Friday	Number Weeks Including Holidays: 40
Tutor: Delma Dunham	Fees: Free *(NO Fees for any student)
Delivery Sites: Wanganui Vet Services Clinic, 35 Somme Parade and AGC Training farm properties	
ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES 0800 348 8215 or info@agctraining.co.nz	

A new delivery mode may be available in 2021, if approved by NZQA.

If you are interested in studying part-time with a mix of on-site block courses, practical application and online learning activities please contact AGC Training to express your interest.

For more details on this option, please phone 0800 348 8215.

Students are required to complete practical activities and a minimum number of hours in a veterinary practice or alongside a rural veterinarian. So, students must have:

- A relationship with local veterinarian or veterinary practice
- Access to at least three different types of farm animals.

***This course is now covered by TTAF the government apprenticeship fund. Meaning all people enrolling now have their fees covered as its seen as an essential skill for the primary industry.**
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