

## Rural Animal Technician Level 5

### 40 Week – Flexible Delivery

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- **Dispensing Animal Health Product**
- **Use of Client Management Systems**
- **Customer Service & sales**
- **Admission & Discharge Documentation**
- **Clinical Records**
- **Disbudding**
- **Dehorning**
- **Mastitis Management & Treatment**
- **Lameness Management & Treatments**
- **Pregnancy Scanning**
- **Reproductive Manipulations**
- **Breeding Techniques**
- **Administer Medications & Treatments**
- **Diagnostic Testing & sampling**
- **Bloods**



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 supports individuals to develop the skills, knowledge, and attributes to work as rural animal technicians.

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

This programme is designed to create authentic and real-life learning experiences that produces job-ready graduates.

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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.

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.

**Students will need to be able to commit to 20 hours a week of theory tutor-directed learning (This can be done from your home using our E-learning platform) alongside the practical hours. You will also be expected to meet with your tutor on a regular basis.**

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

**Programme Starts: February and July**

**Tutor: Delma Dunham**

**Fees Free Eligible**

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