

## **Introduction**

The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) programme is designed to offer first-class scientific and clinical training in veterinary medicine. An integrative approach has been adopted to deliver knowledge in a horizontal and vertical manner in order for the students to understand the multifaceted science underpinning veterinary practice and research. The programme enables students to understand the basic biological principles of normal body function and disease, and the ability to distinguish the pathological from the normal, to prevent disease and safely manage the processes of animal production. The primary educational goal of the DVM programme is to prepare graduates for a productive career within the veterinary medical profession, while at the same time give them a strong academic foundation to pursue a research career.

An inter-professional education (IPE) policy has been developed aiming at a multi-disciplinary, delivery scheme under the One Health concept ensuring that Veterinary students interact with students in related professional degrees. The IPE policy serves to strengthen the School's Student-Centred Education Plan.

## **Objectives**

- Provide students with a strong foundation in the basic sciences and many opportunities to apply their knowledge.
- Train graduates to acquire the necessary skills and competencies to evaluate patients, make diagnoses, treat a wide range of conditions, preserve the quality of life and alleviate pain in the animals under their care.
- Produce competent and caring graduates with decision-making skills, clinical skills, manual dexterity, and solid communication skills.
- Encourage critical thinking, research, evidence-based decision making and lifelong learning.
- Offer students primary care learning opportunities to better prepare veterinary graduates for entry-level practice and provision of affordable care
- Nurture interest in animal welfare, ethics, and public policy, One Health and international veterinary medicine.
- Enhance student competencies in non-technical skills such as communications, financial literacy and business management.
- Help students to gain a broad understanding of diversity and cultural competencies.
- Provide students with inter-professional learning opportunities, by bringing together students from different fields and encouraging them to work together to reach a common goal: improve patient health outcomes.
- Deliver student-centred teaching that facilitates active learning and understanding.

## **Career Prospects**

Accredited by the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA), this degree has been developed to meet the requirements for recognition in EU/EEA countries. All students benefit from a curriculum that has been aligned with Day One Skills and Competences as required by RCVS, AVMA, EAEVE, and the World Organization for Animal Health.

With our devoted Student Success Team, students are matched with a personal tutor, and students meet one-on-one with Career Advisers to track their studies and steps, for practice after graduation. As an accredited degree, listed in the European Union Directive for the mutual recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC), nationals from the EU, EEA / EFTA member states or Switzerland will be eligible to apply to practise veterinary medicine in these regions. Each member state has its own regulations as to which stage of its training programme you will enter, and any additional requirements that you will need to demonstrate (such as language proficiency). While the DVM degree is recognised by many different countries internationally, applicants are advised to check with their own individual national authorities, if they wish to practise in their own country. Throughout the journey, students will find support and guidance in aligning with national licensure exams, such as NAVLE based on their preferred postgraduate pathway. Our Student Success Team hosts career experts, and in due course alumni, to advise on best practice for working in different regions of the world in support of students' goals.

The Careers & Alumni Office at UNIC have been advising an international population of students for more than a decade, by providing personalised career paths to support the career aspirations and options of our students and assisting with applications for employment. Students have scheduled, required meetings as they progress in their studies. In addition, our Careers Advisers are available for ad hoc one-to-one meetings so that veterinary students can plan their pathways to practise. Students will meet with Careers Advisers from their first year to discuss their goals and the framework to licensing in their country of choice. The Careers & Alumni Office support students from their first year, throughout their studies, and well into their careers.

The Careers & Alumni team develop routes-to-registration for our multi-national student body to facilitate student understanding of timelines and the requirements for licensure. This includes information for those seeking to practise in the UK, USA, Israel, and more. This one-to-one guidance provides a personalised, student-centred approach recognising that each student has different goals.

