

Massey University Veterinary School

Massey University, the national veterinary school of New Zealand, is located in the city of Palmerston North. The city's central North Island location is conveniently close to west coast beaches, and within easy driving distance to the Hawke's Bay wine region, skiing and snowboarding at Mt Ruapehu and the country's capital city, Wellington. Renowned for fantastic scenery (think Lord of the Rings) and an excellent lifestyle, New Zealand is a great place to study abroad for your AVMA accredited veterinary degree.

CURRICULUM: Years 1 and 2 of the program focus primarily on instruction in the core medical sciences tailored for veterinary students to learn normal form and function. In year 3 further classes help the student recognise abnormality and introduce clinical studies. Year 4 focuses on the medicine, surgery, health management, diagnostics and treatment of companion and agricultural animal species. The fifth year is clinically based, where the student may choose an individualised curriculum within their area of interest composed of internal clinical rotations and externships. Areas of Interest include small animal, production animal, equine, mixed animal, wildlife, research or other areas as approved.

ADMISSION PROCESS:

US and Canadian residents may apply to Massey University by either:

1. VMCAS and a supplemental application or
2. Direct application to Massey University.

All other non New Zealand residents are to apply directly to Massey University.

The supplemental application and direct application can be found in the section entitled "Applying" on the Massey University veterinary school website.

SIZE OF ENTERING CLASS:

96 including 24 places for non NZ residents.

DEADLINE DATE:

VMCAS applicants – VMCAS application must be submitted on-line by October 2. All supporting documents (transcripts, original GRE test scores and supplemental application) are to be sent directly to Massey University and are to be received no later than Oct. 15. Your VMCAS application will **not** be processed until the Massey University supplemental application form is received.

Direct applications with all supporting documents are to be received no later than Dec. 1

Transcripts from the Fall semester are to be received no later than January 19, 2009.

CLASSES BEGIN:

Group 2 students - Mid July 2009.

Group 1 students - late February 2009

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCESSING FEE: None

ADMISSION DEPOSIT – A non-refundable deposit of \$NZ 1500 is required to hold a position in the class. This will be credited towards tuition fees at matriculation.

TUITION AND FEES: The tuition fees for 2008 were \$42,000 NZD per year. 2009 fees to be confirmed. The actual fee in US dollars will depend upon the current exchange rate at the time of paying fees. In 2007 the tuition fees were approx. \$28,000 USD.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Selection into the veterinary course at Massey University can be based on coursework completed outside of New Zealand (Group 2) or within New Zealand (Group 1). For more details please see the section entitled "Selection" on the veterinary school website <http://vet-school.massey.ac.nz/>

A Bachelors degree is not required for admission into the Massey University veterinary degree.

To be eligible for selection into the veterinary program Group 2 applicants should have:

1. A science GPA of at least 3.0 calculated from the science classes taken in the most recent 2 years of full time study (or equivalent).
2. A satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test score. Applicants must request GRE scores to be sent directly to Massey University from ETS. The GRE reporting code for Massey University is 3194 and the department code is 0622.
3. Completed classes equivalent to the following Massey University classes, including labs:
Chemistry 123.101 - Equivalent to general chemistry plus organic chemistry.
Physics 124.111 – Equivalent to first year series of college physics (2 semesters or 3 quarters)
Biology 162.101 – Cellular / Molecular Biology
Biology 199.101 – Organismal / Animal Biology

Course content details for these classes can be found at: <http://vet-school.massey.ac.nz/coursedetails.asp>
The pre-requisite classes must be completed by the end of the fall semester to be eligible for a position.

ADDRESS APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

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