

Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
 - Connect with professional networks
- Support through scholarships for merit and equity
 - Discover great accommodation options

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Gain unique insight and extensive practical experience at JCU's on-campus Veterinary and Emergency Centre and Hospital and Fletcherview Station. JCU Veterinary Science has been independently ranked as being #1 in Australia for skills development*.

NETWORK WITH INDUSTRY

Forge relationships with industry partners and build strong employability skills with a university ranked #1 in Australia for graduate employment*.

ACCESS EXPERTISE

Join supportive learning environments with access to JCU's leading lecturers. JCU Veterinary Science has been ranked #1 in Queensland for teaching quality*.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU's range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance for you. Be supported to achieve your goals. JCU Veterinary Science has been ranked #1 in Queensland for student support*.

*Good Universities Guide 2023, UG Veterinary Science



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✔ Develop strong and applicable practical skills as you learn in dedicated and high-tech settings including teaching laboratories, JCU Veterinary and Emergency Centre and Hospital on campus, on-site animal yards, JCU working cattle station for livestock production and JCU Teaching Resource Centre and Large and Small Animal Clinic on the Atherton Tablelands.

✔ Gain work-ready knowledge and skills in tropical and rural veterinary settings, plus experience in tropical animal husbandry and aquaculture. As well as regular practical work and field trips, you will complete a series of clinical placements in your final two years in rural or urban settings in Queensland, around Australia, or even abroad.

✔ Choose a field of work that appeals to your interests as a veterinary graduate from JCU. Own a private practice with companion animals or livestock. Be part of positive change in the community by serving with or working in animal nutrition or production. Take the lead in exotic animal research and care at a zoo or wildlife sanctuary.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Townsville
Start Dates:	January
Duration:	5 years full-time
ATAR:	Special Entry Requirements
Prerequisites:	English, Mathematical Methods, Chemistry (Units 3/4, C)
Recommended:	Biology (Units 3/4, C)

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

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Veterinarians play a major role in the health care of pets, livestock, zoo animals, and sporting and laboratory animals. With the high and increasing demand for sustainable animal usage and production that meets health, welfare, environmental and societal expectations, our degree makes this a core focus. JCU Veterinary Science students benefit from a range of state-of-the-art facilities, as well as JCU's unique emphasis on rural and tropical practice.

You will acquire the knowledge and skills to diagnose, treat and prevent disease in a wide range of animals including companion animals, farm animals, aquatic species and native fauna. To complement your theoretical studies, you'll gain practical, real-world experience throughout the course and with clinical placements in a variety of veterinary hospitals, private practices, laboratories and government agencies around the state and beyond.

Successful applicants must satisfy their pre-placement preparation immunisations and checklists before undertaking placement. Students need to be vaccinated before they start practicals - working with animals in Week 2/3 of the first year. We want them to be vaccinated before they enter the course.

See [Professional Experience Placement](#) for further information.



“As a Vet student, I found my time at the JCU Veterinary Hospital incredibly delightful. I especially enjoyed the General Practice and surgery rotations where we shadowed veterinarians and hosted consults. We were permitted to establish treatment plans and discuss them with clients – all under the comfort and safety of the supervising veterinarians.

The content delivered by our lecturers was exceptionally informative and detailed. Altogether, staff helped us to transition into the workplace by ensuring that every graduate is competent and hence rightfully confident.”

Charleen Tai

BACHELOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

“I’d heard great things about JCU Veterinary Science’s practical, hands-on approach to teaching and decided that this was something I wanted to explore. The best part of the degree has definitely been all the places it has taken me. The rural focus really pushed me to explore parts of the country that I never would have otherwise travelled to. Providing me with placement opportunities from doing dairy medicine up north in the Atherton Tablelands to scoring rams in Warren NSW, this degree has given me an appreciation of the myriad possibilities there are for vet work in this country.”

Aaron Lau

BACHELOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE STUDENT



Career Opportunities

Veterinarians not only work in private veterinary clinics but their expertise is also vital in a range of fields including agriculture, quarantine and public health, as well as pharmacological and biomedical research. Government statistics forecast strong employment growth and earnings for veterinarians.*

Employment opportunities are diverse and include:

- Operating or working in private veterinary practice
- Zoos and wildlife sanctuaries, animal welfare organisations
- Government departments and agencies in quarantine and biosecurity
- Industries concerned with animal health such as animal nutrition, animal production (stock and breeding) and pharmaceuticals
- Research organisations and university teaching (with further study).

Once you graduate, you will be eligible to register with veterinary registration boards to practise in any Australian state. In addition, JCU graduates are eligible to practise in New Zealand, the United Kingdom, South Africa and Ireland.

* <http://joboutlook.gov.au/>



JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Townsville is on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,300 students.

All rooms at our on-campus residences are single occupancy, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation



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