



PhD Veterinary Science

Production Animal Studies

Programme code

08261009

This programme is offered by the Department of Production Animal Studies.

The PhD degree is conferred by virtue of the successful completion of a thesis and an oral defence. Consult the General Regulations.

Before or together with the thesis a student must submit, and achieve acceptance for at least one article for publication in an acknowledged journal, failing which the degree will not be conferred.

The research topic will be determined in consultation with the head of department, following which the research projects will be approved in terms of Faculty guidelines and the General Regulations. Each candidate must satisfy the head of department that he or she is working at an institution with the necessary facilities, to enable him or her to complete the work required for the degree satisfactorily.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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Faculty notes

The Faculty of Veterinary Science is unique in South Africa. It is the only institution responsible for training veterinarians and veterinary nurses. Our graduates and research programmes are vital in enhancing human and animal health, promoting biosecurity and welfare, and ensuring our production animals, wildlife and pets are safe and in good health.

The quality and scope of the Faculty's training is such that our graduates are able to enter postgraduate programmes at universities across the world and can practice in many countries without the need to write registration exams. The Faculty is locally relevant and passionate about



meeting the needs of South Africa. This not only applies to commercial farming but also to primary animal healthcare, where veterinarians as well as veterinary nurses can assist rural communities and smallholder farmers.

Minimum duration

3 years, full-time

Admission requirements

Relevant master's degree in science