

Rural Animal Technician Level 5 Full time (2021)



AGC Training is making some exciting improvements to this programme for delivery in 2021. If you are interested in being a Rural Animal Technician and working alongside Vets, then watch this space.

This revised programme is yet to be approved by NZQA, so content may change. In the meantime, contact AGC Training on 0800 348 8215 to express your interest for next year¹.

Rural Animal Technician (Level 5) supports individuals to develop the skills, knowledge and attributes to work as rural animal technicians. Students are required to complete practical activities and a minimum number of hours in a veterinary practice or alongside a rural veterinarian.

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 will cover:

- Animal Facility Operations
- Clinical Examination
- Animal Anatomy and Behaviour
- Disease and Parasite Transmission and Control
- Breeding, Pregnancy and Parturition
- Rural Animal Digestive Health
- Farming Systems and Shelter
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Safe Working Practices and Animal Remedies
- Diagnostic Sampling and Testing

Successful completion of the programme leads to the award of the:

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) Rural Animal Technician strand

¹ The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) approve programmes under section 249 of the Education Act 1989.

*Programme components are subject to change until final approval is obtained.

Graduates of this qualification will have demonstrated that they are be able to:

- Maintain the health and husbandry of animals in a rural environment
- Perform technical tasks for the maintenance of animal health and welfare in the rural setting
- Apply knowledge of pharmacology and current law, to dispense and administer animal remedies
- Collect and/or test diagnostic samples and/or prepare samples for dispatch

Graduates of this qualification may be employed as rural animal technicians working with companion or rural animals.

Programme Starts: 1st February 2021	
Course Contact Days: Monday - Friday	Number Weeks Including Holidays: 40
Tutor: Delma Dunham, Melanie Thompson	Fees: TBC
Delivery Sites: Wanganui Vet Services Clinic, 35 Somme Parade and AGC Training farm properties	
ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES 0800 348 8215 or info@agctraining.co.nz	

A new delivery mode may be available in 2021, if approved by NZQA.

If you are interested in studying part-time with a mix of on-site block courses, practical application and online learning activities please contact AGC Training to express your interest.

For more details on this option, please phone 0800 348 8215.

Students are required to complete practical activities and a minimum number of hours in a veterinary practice or alongside a rural veterinarian. So, students must have:

- A relationship with local veterinarian or veterinary practice
- Access to at least three different types of farm animals.