

Study Veterinary Science

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Become part of the first generation of veterinarians helping to build the UNISA School of Veterinary Science

The University of South Africa (UNISA), in partnership with the University of Namibia (UNAM), is offering an exciting opportunity for students who want to study Veterinary Medicine and become part of the next generation of veterinary professionals in Southern Africa.

As part of the establishment of the future **UNISA School of Veterinary Science**, UNISA will fund **10 students** to enrol for the six-year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) degree at the UNAM School of Veterinary Medicine in Windhoek, Namibia.

Students selected for this programme will complete their veterinary qualification at UNAM before returning to South Africa to contribute to the development of the UNISA School of Veterinary Science as it is established.

UNISA will cover registration, tuition, accommodation, travel and living expenses for the successful applicants.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS

Registration in South Africa

The UNAM BVM degree is accredited by the Namibian Veterinary Council and follows the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) guidelines. It should be noted that graduates of this programme will be qualified for registration by the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) without examination to practice as veterinarians in South Africa because of the reciprocity agreement, which currently exists between the SAVC and the Namibian Veterinary Council.

Who should apply?

Applicants must be South African citizens and meet the minimum admission requirements.

Applications will be prioritized in the following order:

1. Current UNISA students who meet the admission requirements, these students will then transfer into the new program.
2. UNISA graduates and alumni who meet the admission requirements.



- Grade 12 learners who have completed or are completing the National Senior Certificate (NSC) and are not in further education or training.

Applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements but fall outside these categories are also encouraged to apply.

Final selection will be based on academic merit, interview performance and the potential to contribute to the future UNISA School of Veterinary Science. The final cohort will also seek to reflect the demographic profile and geographic distribution of South Africa.

Minimum Admission Requirements

1. National Senior Certificate (NSC) or Independent Examination Board (IEB)

Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree endorsement and meet the following minimum requirements:

Subject	Minimum Level	APS
English as Home Language or as the First Additional Language	5	35
Mathematics	5	
Physical Science/Chemistry	5	
Life Science	5	

*** Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS**

Important: These are UNISA's minimum requirements for initial screening. Final admission to UNAM is based on a points system and specific subject requirements.

UNAM Admission Requirements (Equivalent to NSC):

- A minimum of 35 points in five subjects on the UNAM Evaluation Scale.
- Biology with a minimum C symbol at Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level.
- Mathematics with a minimum C symbol at AS Level.
- Chemistry with a minimum C symbol at AS Level.
- English with a minimum B symbol at Ordinary Level OR D at AS Level.
- One additional subject, preferably Physical Science, with a minimum B at Ordinary Level OR D at AS Level.

2. Alternative Admission Route

Applicants may also qualify if they follow:



- **Degree Admission Route:** A science degree (NQF Level 7) from UNISA in Animal Science, Zoology, Biochemistry or Microbiology, with an average of at least 75% and no module below 65%, together with Mathematics, Physical Science/Chemistry and Life Science at school level. The combined average pass of 75% or higher must be obtained in the final year.

OR

- **Diploma in Animal Health Admission Route:** A three-year Diploma in Animal Health from UNISA (as prescribed by the SAVC for automatic registration as an Animal Health Technician), with a combined average of 75% and no module below 65%, together with Mathematics, Physical Science/Chemistry and Life Science at school level. The combined average pass of 75% or higher must be obtained in the final year.

Selection Process

1. **Shortlisting:** Applications will be screened against the minimum requirements.
2. **Pre-Selection Test:** Shortlisted candidates may be required to complete a pre-selection test.
3. **Interview:** Selected candidates will be invited to interviews with an academic selection panel comprising staff from UNISA and UNAM.
4. **Final Selection:** Based on academic performance, interview outcomes, pre-selection test results, and the candidate's potential to contribute to the future UNISA School of Veterinary Science.

Important: Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee selection. Admission is based on the number of places available and is awarded on the basis of merit.

Why apply?

This is more than a scholarship; it is an opportunity to become part of the founding generation of veterinarians who will help establish the UNISA School of Veterinary Science.

Graduates will:

- Receive a recognised veterinary qualification from UNAM.
- Gain experience in a leading veterinary programme in the region.
- Return to South Africa with a commitment to contribute to veterinary education, research, and animal health.

How to apply?

Applicants should submit a single PDF containing the following:

1. A letter of motivation (maximum two pages) outlining your interest in Veterinary Science and why you wish to be considered for this opportunity.
2. A comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV).
3. A certified copy of your South African ID (not older than 3 months).
4. Certified copies of your NSC/IEB certificate and academic transcript(s), where applicable (not older than 3 months).



5. Grade 12 learners completing the NSC in 2026 should submit their latest available Grade 12 results.
6. Current university students or graduates should submit certified copies of their full academic transcript(s) and qualification certificate(s), where applicable (not older than 3 months).

Applications should be emailed to: daahapplications@unisa.ac.za

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