

The ideal fit

Massey University's Master of Veterinary Medicine opened up new career avenues for veterinarian Simon Clark.

WHEN KIWI VETERINARIAN Simon Clark went looking for a training option that would allow him to upskill while continuing to work, he found the ideal fit in Massey University's Master of Veterinary Medicine (MVM).

Working full-time in clinical practice while studying for his core papers and almost full-time through his dissertation, Simon says the practical nature and flexibility of the MVM programme was appealing. "There weren't other options quite like the MVM. A Master of Veterinary Science would have required studying full-time, and seminars and conferences were not technical enough for me."

Once he had mastered the university's online system, Simon found it to be a great platform for learning. "Once I knew it, it was very good. It seems solid, easy and robust. I knew where to look for information and material when I needed it," he says. "The online format was very flexible. I could study in my own time, and even watch recordings of lectures if I missed them."

The range of subjects offered through the MVM was also appealing. "There was a wide variety of courses to cover almost all aspects of clinical practice, and as such the programme could be tailored to my areas of interest and areas of weakness."



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Early on, the new knowledge from the MVM enabled him to improve his clinical practice.

"I was able to assist colleague veterinarians with difficult cases, but it has also opened up new avenues of progression for me," says Simon, who made the move out of clinical practice and is now working as a technical services veterinarian for Virbac New Zealand. "The

skills I got from my MVM were important in enabling me to make that decision and in showing that I was suitable for my new job."

Massey University's Master of Veterinary Medicine covers all disciplines of veterinary practice, including companion animal, production animal, equine, epidemiology and veterinary business. It allows veterinarians to complete individual courses of study and put them together for a qualification. Delivered by distance, the MVM programme brings the world's veterinary expertise to its students.

Led by internationally recognised lecturers from around the world, the courses are reputed for their in-depth education in specific areas and use of real-life case studies.

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