ENHANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN OCULAR EXAMINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF EYE DISEASES. FEEL COMFORTABLE KNOWING HOW TO MANAGE COMMON PRESENTATIONS, WHEN TO REFER AND WHAT PROCEDURES CAN BE PERFORMED BY THE SPECIALIST ONCE REFERRED.

On this course you will learn how to:
• Perform and interpret diagnostic evaluations to accurately identify and differentiate a range of common and uncommon ocular diseases in dogs and cats.
• Formulate a management plan for companion animal ophthalmic diseases and manage more complicated cases within the bounds of your practice.
• Learn when to refer these cases to a specialist.

An innovative mix of print and online tools including case material will help you maximise your learning, alongside lecturer-facilitated online class discussion.

Whether you want to work towards a qualification or simply complete individual courses, the flexibility of Massey University’s distance learning courses help take your practice to the next level, in your own time.

Course number 118.759
Credits 15 credit paper in the Master of Veterinary Medicine programme

Course features
In-depth part-time study spread over 8 months

Learning materials and facilities
• Study guide
• Self-assessed activities
• Electronic library access
• 3 day workshop: face-to-face or an online option for some sessions

Learning community
• Online case discussion
• Social forum

Assessment
• Portfolio submission of course work
• Structured online discussion
• Final exam at a centre near you

Course requirements
• Internet access
• Textbook

Cost in your currency
• Australian dollars approx $4635*
• UK pounds approx £3020*
• Canadian dollars approx $4799*
• US dollars approx $4787*

* Please note, all prices are approximate based on recent exchange rates and are quoted excluding Goods and Services Tax which is refunded to students living offshore. Additional non-tuition fees also apply which vary from NZD$185-225 depending on where you live.

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OPHTHALMOLOGY IN SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE

Welcome to Ophthalmology in Small Animal Practice, 118.759.

This paper is designed to guide you step-by-step through ocular examination and management of eye diseases so that you can feel comfortable knowing how to manage many common companion animal ophthalmic diseases and also feel comfortable knowing when to refer these cases to a specialist (and what procedures can be performed by the specialist once referred).

The course is organised into 10 modules based on the anatomical divisions of the eye. A standard text updates your base knowledge on both the surgical and medical management of ophthalmic diseases. We will explore beyond the textbook in our online community using library resources and through sharing cases and general and structured discussions to give you more depth and up-to-date knowledge on each topic. Both you and your patients will benefit from the rewards of being able to manage troubling and often debilitating eye problems with understanding and confidence. I hope you will enjoy studying this topic as much as I do!

Mark Billson

OVERVIEW OF THE PAPER

Students will build on knowledge obtained in the BVSc (or equivalent) to gain advanced knowledge of the principles of ophthalmology in dogs and cats, including pathophysiology, diagnosis and management of diseases of the eye.

Topics covered

Module 1: Orbit
Module 2: Eyelids
Module 3: Nictitans and nasolacrimal system
Module 4: Conjunctiva
Module 5: Cornea and sclera
Module 6: Anterior uvea
Module 7: Glaucoma
Module 8: Lens
Module 9: Vitreous and retina
Module 10: Neuro-ophthalmology

LEARNING MATERIALS

There are several different forms of self-study material you need to use for this paper. Each is explained in more detail in this administration guide.

Administration guide
Administrative information, information about assessments and how the course works

Study guide
Guide to your study, explains what to read at which points in the course.
Textbook
The textbook is your main reading for this paper. You may wish to purchase a personal copy of this textbook but while you are enrolled as a Massey Student it is available online via the Library.


Stream class website
Online classroom for interactions with the rest of the class and provision of online learning and assessment materials

Other Stream websites
The MVM programme Stream site has programme information such as information about dissertations and examination results.
The Orientation Course Stream site has information about studying MVM papers and how to work Stream.

Contact course
An optional 3 days of face-to-face teaching

Assessments
Two learning portfolios and a final paper based exam at a centre near you