“Our aim is to be the leading awarding organisation within the veterinary and animal care sectors”

Greg Warman
Chairman of the Board
Vet Skill Ltd
Who is VetSkill

• Set up by the Directors of The College of Animal Welfare in 2001

• Partner of City and Guilds in developing qualifications
  • Level 3 Diploma for Veterinary Care Assistants

• Gained its own Ofqual recognition on 31st March 2015

• Now developing new qualifications:
  • Level 2 Veterinary Receptionists
  • Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing
  • Specialist Advanced qualifications for RVN’s

• VetSkill supports the Veterinary Nursing Trailblazer
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• Led by Employers
  Chair: Erwin Hohn (Medivet Group)

• Trailblazer groups supported by Skills Funding Agency

• Required by Government (England only)

• DEADLINE- 2017
  otherwise funding for Veterinary Nursing Apprentices will STOP!
Veterinary Nursing Trailblazer

- Group sets standards and behaviours required by employers for VN Apprentices
- RCVS are members of the group
- All veterinary nurse employers welcome to join
- What about a Veterinary Care Assistants Trailblazer?
New Qualifications

• Level 2 Certificate for Veterinary Receptionists
  Available from April 2016

• Level 3 in Veterinary Nursing
  Launch 2017

• Advanced Technical qualifications for RVN’s
  Pushing the boundaries of expertise - 2018
Veterinary Receptionists

- Level 2 Certificate
- Skills gained in real veterinary practice
- Requires practice based mentor
- e portfolio detailing evidence of competence
- Online MCQ exam in College
- Expected Ofqual approval April 2016
Veterinary Nursing – key features

- Level 3 Diploma
- Optional pathways to cover wider species eg equine
- Will meet new RCVS Day One Skills
- Less duplication – more inspiration!
- Build competence through confidence - Assess once!
- National OSCE examination centres with video recording capability
- New user driven approach to NPL
- Qualifications for Clinical Coaches and examiners
New NPL – learning features

- Immediate access granted by colleges
- User friendly
- Avoid repetition/duplication
- Consolidate tasks & experiences
- Expectations of each task made clear at outset
- Improved search capability
- NPL experience inspires learning
New NPL – management features

- Multiple clinical coaches
- Student, clinical coach and college tutors communicate within the NPL
- Improved tracking of student progress
- Use your tablet or phone to access the NPL anywhere at anytime
- Add documentary evidence, video and photo’s, etc
Veterinary Nurse Advanced Qualifications – Why?

- 1st generation
  - created Veterinary Nurses like Florence Bell (1927)

- 2nd generation
  - built standard for a qualification in 1961

- 3rd generation
  - built a profession in 2014
    (Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses)

- 4th generation – that’s YOU!
  - technical expertise supported by a body of knowledge
Veterinary Nurse Advanced Qualifications – What?

• Specialist not a trophy hunter

• Nationally Recognised Qualifications

• Substantial (Level 4 - 6)
  • 1 year Advanced Certificate
  • 2 years Advanced Diploma
  • 5 years Advanced Practitioner

• Membership of Specialist Circle driving knowledge base

• 3-5 yearly competence assessment
Veterinary Nurse Advanced Qualifications – How?

- Academic element – raising the bar
- Practical skills – making a difference
- Case studies – driving your learning
- Experience allied to advanced veterinary practice
- Role fits into Specialist Veterinary Team
- Deliver advanced clinical excellence
VN Advanced Qualifications - possible developments

Advanced Certificates (VNAC)
- Veterinary Rehabilitation Technician (Small Animal)
- Veterinary Dental Technician (Small Animal)
- Veterinary Theatre Technician
- Veterinary Nurse (Large Animal)
- Veterinary Nurse (Equine)

Advanced Diploma’s (VNAD)
- Advanced Veterinary Nutritional Advisor
- Advanced Intensive and Critical Care Nurse (Small animal)
- Advanced Diagnostic Technician
- Advanced Anaesthesia Technician (Small animal)

Master Practitioner – Veterinary Nursing (VNMP)
- Advanced Diploma holder; plus
- 3 years post qualification experience; plus
- Professional & academic references
How can you make a difference?

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Thank you for listening

Any questions?