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




The College of  
Animal Welfare

# Welcome to The College of Animal Welfare



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# Who we are

The College of Animal Welfare was established in 1989 by one of the leading animal welfare charities, Wood Green Animal Shelters in Cambridgeshire. The vision was to use education to help tackle animal welfare issues and the problem of unwanted and abandoned animals.

In 1996, the College, known at the time as the Wood Green College of Animal Welfare, became an independently managed, not-for-profit, organisation in its own right and changed its name to The College of Animal Welfare.

Today, the College has centres in Cambridgeshire, North London, Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, West Midlands and Scotland and specialises in training in the land-based sector.

We strongly believe that education and training is the key to raising standards of animal welfare. To this end, we strive to create new and accessible opportunities for learning, and encourage employers and those working with animals to undertake appropriate levels of training and continue with lifelong learning and education.

**VISIT US AT ONE OF  
OUR OPEN DAYS**

**Visit [caw.ac.uk/opendays](http://caw.ac.uk/opendays)  
for dates and details**

# Our History

As the largest provider of veterinary nurse training in the UK, we can offer you the opportunity to study within a community of like-minded students and staff, who all share a common passion for animal welfare and a commitment to pushing forward what is already an exciting and rewarding profession.

The College has a well-earned reputation for excellence, delivering quality training and education, and has a history of being a pioneer with a number of unique achievements...

**1998**

First ever BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing in Europe created.

**1997**

CAW Publishing established.



**2005**

Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Care Assistants created.

**1996**

Potters Bar and Leeds centres open.

**1991**

First Careers With Animals Day established.

TP Congress established - the only conference of its kind in the UK.

Distance Learning School established.

To this day the College maintains strong links with the veterinary profession, particularly with Wood Green, Blue Cross, the Royal Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals, the Royal Veterinary College and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as well as numerous veterinary practices and animal related businesses.

# Why The College of Animal Welfare?

## CARING

Over the years, we have developed teaching techniques and College systems to support you through your studies. We are here to help, we want you to succeed and we will do our utmost to help you achieve.

## EXPERIENCED

The lecturers delivering our veterinary nurse training have significant industry experience and knowledge under their belts and all share a common passion for pushing their respective professionals forward.

## CONVENIENT

The easy, remote access to learning resources provided to learners via our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) means that learners get the best out of their studies with us, both in and outside of College.

## INTERACTIVE

Our online course material has been developed to guide you through your course and provide you with interactive, innovative ways of learning. In addition, you will benefit from FREE access to our extensive eLibrary.

“A very large proportion of learners on adult programmes achieve their qualifications. Learners on adult learning programmes have access to excellent online learning resources. Learners receive very good advice and guidance about career opportunities in their industry.”

Ofsted 2016 Report

The College of Animal Welfare was graded 'Good' across the board following its most recent Ofsted inspection (2016)



# Our Courses

## Veterinary Nursing

- Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Companion Animal Pathway)
- Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Apprenticeship) - Companion Animal Pathway
- Level 3 Diploma in Equine Veterinary Nursing
- Level 3 Diploma in Equine Veterinary Nursing (Apprenticeship)
- FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Royal Veterinary College)
- BSc Honours Veterinary Nursing with Foundation Year (Middlesex University)
- BSc Honours Veterinary Nursing (Middlesex University)
- BSc Honours Veterinary Nursing Top Up Programme (Middlesex University)
- Level 4 Certificate for Suitably Qualified Persons (SQP) - Companion Animal

**See pages 10-27 for more details**

## Veterinary Care

- Level 2 Certificate in Veterinary Care Support
- Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Care Assistants
- Veterinary Care Support: Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Apprenticeship
- Level 2 Certificate in Assisting Veterinary Surgeons in the Monitoring of Animal Patients

**See pages 28-35 for more details**

## Veterinary Reception

- Level 2 Certificate for Veterinary Receptionists

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**VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE FOR ALL  
COURSE FEES  
[www.caw.ac.uk](http://www.caw.ac.uk)**

“Providing innovative learning opportunities for the promotion of animal welfare.”

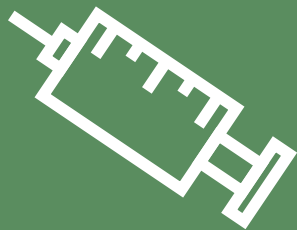
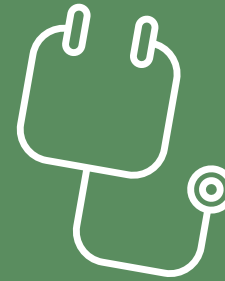


# Veterinary Nursing

Veterinary nursing is a natural choice for those with their minds set on working with animals. If you have a passion for animal welfare, then you are likely already familiar with the profession and the important role that veterinary nurses play in raising animal welfare standards.

Veterinary nurses are vital to the running of a successful veterinary practice, and are responsible for working with veterinary surgeons to provide care and treatment to a variety of different animals such as dogs, cats and rabbits.

The sense of purpose that comes from nursing an ill animal back to health, and the long-lasting friendships fostered whilst working as part of a close knit team, make becoming a veterinary nurse a worthwhile ambition.



# Why Veterinary Nursing?

## GAIN REAL JOB PROSPECTS

Job prospects for registered veterinary nurses continue to remain high in veterinary practice and in related industries. Salary expectations have increased significantly in recent years. You can now expect a veterinary nurse salary to be in excess of £20,000 on average per year.

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a mandatory requirement for Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVNs), with 15 hours per year being required by the RCVS. This gives those working in the profession the gift of life-long learning and education.

## VARIED CAREER OPTIONS

Upon completion of formal studies, veterinary nurses have numerous professional opportunities.

You could remain in first opinion practice; move into referral practice and specialise in a particular area, train as an equine veterinary nurse, or find work in related industries such as management, research, teaching, sales or rehabilitation with further training.

## REWARDING PROFESSION

The sense of purpose that comes from nursing an ill, abandoned or stray animal back to health, makes veterinary nursing a rewarding and worthwhile career.

## LEARN MORE AT CAREERS WITH ANIMALS DAY

See page 50 for more details

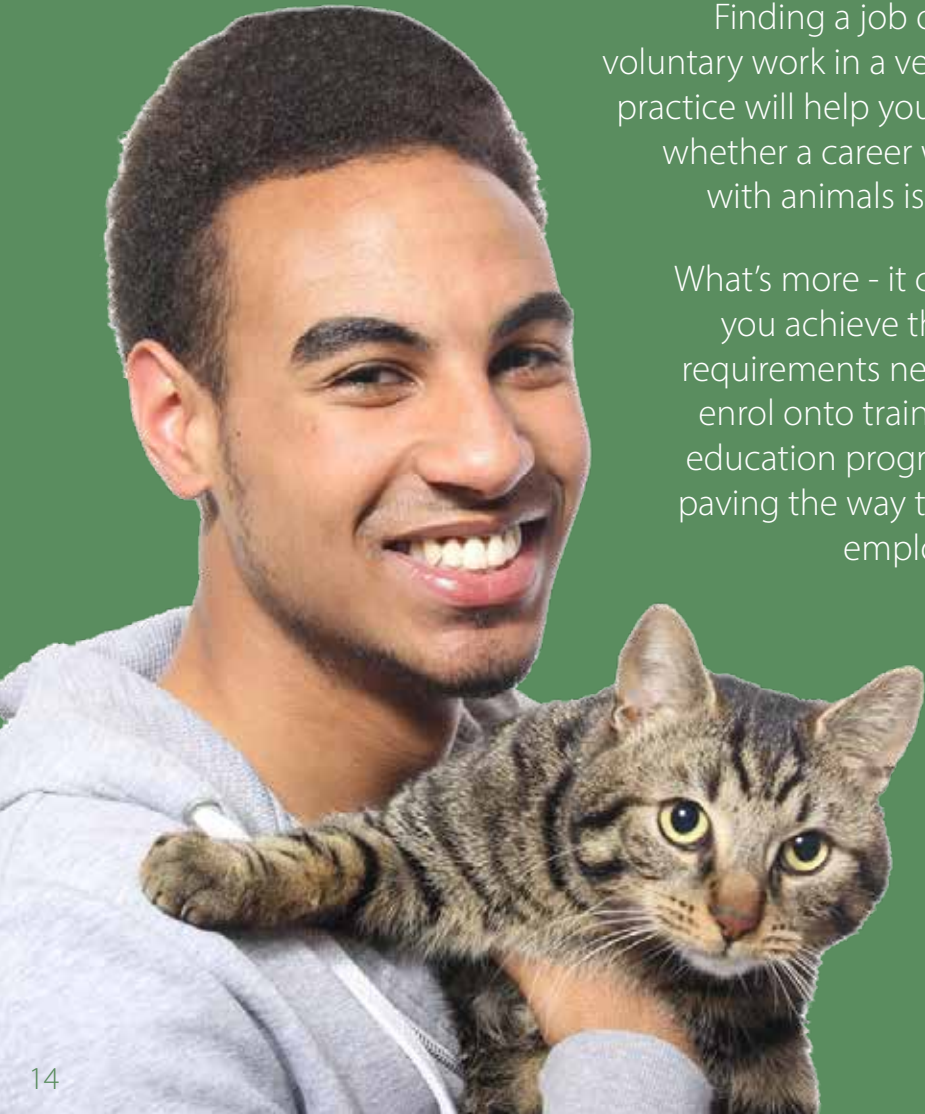
“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”



# Gaining Employment or Work Experience in a Veterinary Practice

Finding a job or doing voluntary work in a veterinary practice will help you decide whether a career working with animals is for you.

What's more - it can help you achieve the entry requirements needed to enrol onto training and education programmes, paving the way to future employment.



## Check local newspapers & online job boards

Job boards such as the CAW jobs board, Vet Times Jobs or Animal Jobs Direct regularly list advertisements from veterinary organisations.



## Contact animal organisations directly

Depending on the size of the organisation, you may be able to contact them directly to introduce yourself and enquire about work placements/employment.

## Look on veterinary websites and social media

Many veterinary organisations post their latest work and placement opportunities on their website and social media.



## Ensure your CV is up-to-date

Keeping your CV up-to-date means you'll be able to apply for positions as soon as they become available. Make sure your CV contains any relevant experience or hobbies that you may have.







## Attend open days and career days

Career days such as our **Careers With Animals Day** bring local employers and colleges under one roof, which is the perfect opportunity to discuss career plans and gain advice from industry professionals.



# Our Companion Animal Veterinary Nursing Diploma

## Key facts

-  Day or block release
-  Study at any CAW centre
-  Pay monthly options
-  Practical training

## Assessment

You will undertake a variety of assessments including online examinations, assignments, case studies, an e-portfolio and OSCEs.

## Entry requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C (or 9-4), including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject. Entry also requires you to either gain work experience in a veterinary environment or secure employment in a veterinary practice.

**Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) to view the full entry requirements including Scottish and international qualifications.**

## APPRENTICESHIP AVAILABLE

**Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) for more details**

## Course content

Over the course of the qualification you will study 10 units:

- Professional Veterinary Nursing Responsibilities
- Diagnostic Principles
- Principles of Veterinary Nursing Care 1
- Pharmacology and Dispensary Management
- Practical Veterinary Nursing Skills 1
- Anaesthesia and Theatre Nursing Skills
- Life Stage Nursing Care and Support
- Principles of Veterinary Nursing Care 2
- Surgical Nursing and Patient Care
- Practical Veterinary Nursing Skills 2

Embedded within this qualification is the content required for you to become an SQP for companion animals.

# Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Companion Animal Pathway)

*24 months*

Completion of the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing qualification will allow you to apply for professional registration as a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

Run on a day release or block release basis the programme can be undertaken by students who are employed in a veterinary practice that is approved to train veterinary nurses, or by non-employed students on work placement in a suitable veterinary practice.

This small animal qualification will cover the following species – Cat, Dog, Rabbit and Guinea Pig.

**Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) for full course details**



# Our Equine Veterinary Nursing Diploma

## Key facts

-  Block release study
-  Study from Huntingdon
-  Pay monthly options
-  Practical training

## Assessment

You will undertake a variety of assessments including online examinations, assignments, case studies, an e-portfolio and Equine OSCEs.

## Entry requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades A\*-C (or 9-4), including English Language, Mathematics and a Science.

Students must be at least 16 years of age and employed in an equine or mixed (small animal and equine) veterinary practice that is approved by the RCVS as a Training Practice (TP) or Auxiliary Training Practice (aTP).

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) to view the full entry requirements including Scottish and international qualifications.

## Course content

Over the course of the qualification you will cover 15 units including:

-  Applied equine welfare, health and husbandry for veterinary nurses
-  Veterinary nursing support of equine patients
-  Peri-operative veterinary nursing support of equine patients
-  Equine veterinary nursing emergency and critical care
-  Principles of equine reproduction and neonatal care

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) to view the full course content.

## APPRENTICESHIP OPTION AVAILABLE

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn)  
for further details

# Level 3 Diploma in Equine Veterinary Nursing

24 months

Completion of the City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Equine Veterinary Nursing qualification will allow you to apply for professional registration as a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS).

Students attend college for four x two week blocks per year for two years. The rest of your time will be spent gaining practical experience via employment in an equine or mixed (small animal and equine) veterinary practice through employment.

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn)  
for full course details



# Our Veterinary Nursing Foundation Degree Programme

## Key facts

-  Full time course
-  Study in London
-  Start in September
-  Practical training

## Assessment

In order to complete the foundation degree, you will be required to pass all of the University's practical and written assessments and examinations.

## Entry requirements

Application rates for this course are high, and offers for a place are competitive.

A list of acceptable entry requirements (both academic and work experience) can be found on the Royal Veterinary College's website: [rvc.ac.uk](http://rvc.ac.uk)

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OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS  
ON PAGES 46-47**

## Course content

You will cover the following units:

### Year 1:

- Professional Development and Clinical Skills 1
- Clinical Nursing Practice 1 & 2
- Veterinary Nursing Applied Science 1 & 2

### Year 2:

- Professional Development and Clinical Skills 2
- Emergency, Critical Care Nursing and Anaesthesia
- Diagnostic Techniques

### Year 3:

- Professional Development and Clinical Skills 3
- Applied Nursing Care
- Professional Practice

Clinical practice is a significant element of the course, and will be experienced in between your theory blocks.



# FdSc Veterinary Nursing - Royal Veterinary College

12 months

This three year, full time, programme - delivered and awarded by the Royal Veterinary College (University of London) in partnership with The College of Animal Welfare, allows graduates to apply to join the RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses.

It provides the unique opportunity to study veterinary nursing at the UK's largest and oldest veterinary school, and to be taught by world renowned clinicians.

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn)  
for full course details

# Our Veterinary Nursing Degree Programmes

## Key facts

-  Full time course
-  Study in the UK
-  Start in September
-  Practical training

## Assessment

In order to complete the degree you will be required to pass all of the respective University's practical and written assessments and examinations.

## Entry requirements

Application rates for this course are high, and offers for a place are competitive.

A list of acceptable entry requirements (both academic and work experience) can be found on the respective University websites:

**Middlesex University:**  
[www.mdx.ac.uk](http://www.mdx.ac.uk)

## Course content

The degree courses include units such as:

- Veterinary Pathology
- Evidenced Based Veterinary Nursing
- Principles of Imaging and Anaesthesia
- Theatre Practice
- Pathology for Veterinary Nurses
- Clinical Nursing
- Applied Functional Anatomy
- Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in Health Care
- Foundations of Veterinary Nursing Theory

The full course content breakdown for each course can be found at [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn)

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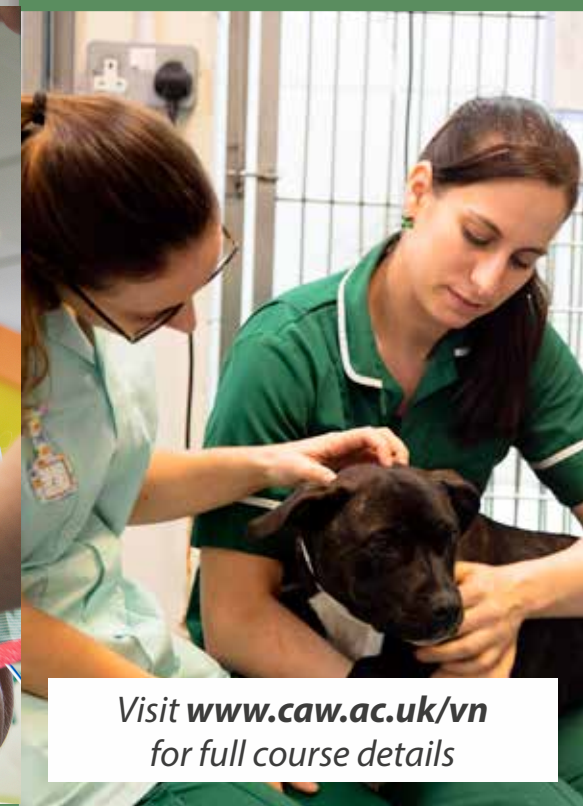
Foundation year option available



## BSc Honours Veterinary Nursing - Middlesex University

3 years


Originally the first of its kind in Europe, this degree programme - jointly developed by Middlesex University and The College of Animal Welfare - encourages students to study in, not only first opinion practice, but world-renowned animal welfare clinics.



Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) for full course details

# Our Veterinary Nursing Top Up Degree Programme

## Key facts

-  Full or part time options
-  Study from any CAW centre
-  Start in September
-  Practical training

## Assessment

In order to complete the degree you will be required to pass all of the respective University's practical and written assessments and examinations.

## Entry requirements

Applicants must be registered veterinary nurses. You may be able to receive academic credit for past experience and qualifications. For more information visit the respective university websites:

### **Middlesex University:**

[www.mdx.ac.uk](http://www.mdx.ac.uk)

## Course content

The top up course includes core modules such as:

- Pharmacology
- Specialised Veterinary Nursing
- Evidenced Based Veterinary Nursing
- Legal, Professional and Ethical Aspects of Veterinary Practice

You will also choose from a range of optional units. Options may include:

- Animal Behaviour
- Nursing Exotics and Wildlife
- Equine Nursing
- Management & Business

The full course content breakdown for each course can be found at [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn)

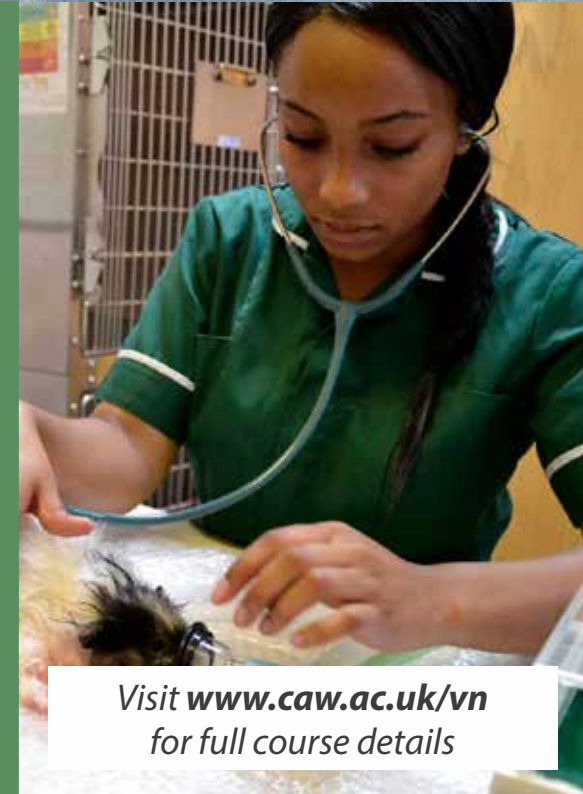
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## BSc Honours Veterinary Nursing Top Up Programme - Middlesex University

*FT: 3 years PT: 4-5 years*

Suitable for diploma level veterinary nurses looking to 'top up' their qualification to a BSc Honours Veterinary Nursing degree.



Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn) for full course details

# Our SQP Qualification

## Level 4 Certificate for Suitably Qualified Persons (SQP)

This qualification is suitable for those working in an environment prescribing and dispensing POM-VPS and NFA-VPS medicines and therefore need to understand the relevant legislation and implications of their role.

### Key facts

-  9-12 months
-  Online learning
-  Start at any time
-  Pay monthly options

### Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements; however you should have a sound level of numeracy, literacy and ICT skills.

### Assessment

Assessment consists of four written assignments, four multiple choice examinations and a practical assessment (OSCE).

### What is an SQP?

A Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) is an animal medicine advisor who is qualified to prescribe and/or supply certain veterinary medicines under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations.

### Course content

On completion of this qualification you will have achieved the following units:

-  Legislation and Professional requirements
-  An Intro to Companion Animal Anatomy, Physiology and Nutrition
-  Companion Animal Health, Disease and Parasite Management
-  Prescribing and Supplying Veterinary Medicines to Owners/Keepers of Companion Animals



# Veterinary Care

Veterinary care assistants are important members of today's modern veterinary team; working alongside veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses to provide vital nursing care.

Working as a veterinary care assistant is an ideal choice for those who are passionate about animals and good with people, as supporting the veterinary team can involve a significant amount of client care in addition to the hands on nursing of animals.

As a VCA, no two days would be the same, and the rewards that come from helping an animal back to health and working as part of a dedicated team make the job extremely worthwhile.



# Our Veterinary Care Qualifications

## Key facts

-  DL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Start at any time
-  Practical training

## Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements. However, you must be volunteering or employed in a veterinary practice for a minimum of 10 hours per week for the duration of your course.

You may be asked to provide a reference from a veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse confirming you have completed a minimum of three months of regular employed or voluntary work prior to starting the programme.

## Assessment

Assessment varies across the two courses, including methods such as: a portfolio of evidence, written and practical assignments and online multi choice question tests.

## Course content

The courses cover the key skills and knowledge needed to provide a good level of support to the veterinary team, including units such as:

-  Legislation and Safe Working Practices
-  Animal Health and Welfare
-  Animal Environment and Accommodation
-  Introduction to Patient Care
-  Introduction to Animal Anatomy and Physiology
-  Veterinary Care Support
-  Principles of Animal Handling and Care
-  Principles and Practices of Assisting with Veterinary Care
-  Principles and Practices of Administrative Duties



## Level 2 Certificate in Veterinary Care Support

12 months

This qualification is designed for those working in a veterinary care support role. During the programme you will learn the relevant practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to provide a good level of support to the veterinary nurse and veterinary surgeon.

## Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Care Assistants

12-18 months

This online, distance learning course is ideal for those working or volunteering in a veterinary environment, assisting veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses with the care of small animal patients.





Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vc](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vc) for full course details



# Our Veterinary Care Apprenticeships

## Key facts

-  WBL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Start at any time
-  20% off-the-job training

## Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements. However, you will need to be living and working in England in a veterinary environment and earning at least the National Minimum Wage for Apprentices.

**See pages 14-15 for advice and guidance on finding work.**

## Assessment

Assessment varies across the two courses, including methods such as: a portfolio of evidence; an End Point Assessment (EPA), Functional Skills Level 1/2 English and Maths training (unless exempt), online examinations and practical assessments.

## Course content

The apprenticeships cover key skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to thrive in a veterinary support role, such as:

-  How to safely, handle, restrain and move animals
-  Basic anatomy and physiology
-  UK and EU animal related legislation
-  The importance of the human and animal bond
-  Basic obstetrics and reproductive behaviour
-  Common medical, behavioural and surgical care requirements
-  Principles of Animal Handling and Care
-  Principles and Practices of Assisting with Veterinary Care
-  Principles and Practices of Administrative Duties



## Veterinary Care Support: Level 2 Apprenticeship

12-18 months

Veterinary Care Support (VCS) professionals are essential members of today's modern veterinary practice, working alongside veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses to provide vital nursing care to small animal patients.

As a veterinary care support apprentice, you will be employed in a veterinary practice gaining vital practical skills and experience, and earning a wage alongside studying your formal apprenticeship qualification.

Your apprenticeship materials will be delivered online via our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE); as such, you can apply to start at any time of the year and will not be required to attend College for tuition.

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vc](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vc) for full course details

# Qualifications for Assisting with the Monitoring of Companion Animal Patients

## Key facts

-  DL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Start at any time
-  Pay monthly options

## Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements. However, your application must be endorsed by your Practice Principal – who must be a veterinary surgeon (MRCVS).






In addition, you must be employed or volunteering in a veterinary practice and have been in such a position for a minimum of six months prior to starting the course.

## Assessment

You will be required to complete a series of case studies, keep an online log of your work (a minimum of 200 hours of anaesthetic monitoring), and pass an online multiple choice examination.

## Course content

You will study the following units:

-  The preparation for, and induction of, veterinary sedation and anaesthesia
-  The principles of sedation and anaesthesia in animals
-  How to safely assist in the provision of veterinary sedation and anaesthesia procedures under direct supervision of a veterinary surgeon
-  Preparing and care of equipment used for veterinary sedation and anaesthesia under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon
-  The principles of the identification of, and possible responses to, anaesthetic complications and emergencies

# Level 2 Certificate in Assisting Veterinary Surgeons in the Monitoring of Animal Patients Under Anaesthesia and Sedation

12 months

Developed in partnership with Lantra and with encouragement and support from the Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons (SPVS).

This programme is ideal if you're working in a veterinary care assistant or support role and are involved in assisting veterinary surgeons with the monitoring of companion animals under anaesthesia and sedation.

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vr](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vr) for full course details

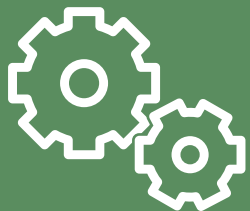


# Veterinary Reception

The important role that veterinary receptionists play within the veterinary setting cannot be underestimated.

Effective customer service combined with specialist knowledge of the record-keeping systems that support clinical services can make the all the difference to the customer experience and ensuing practice reputation.

Veterinary receptionist training is ideal for those working or involved in reception work in a veterinary practice, and looking to gain a qualification that demonstrates their industry knowledge and covers the key skills needed to provide an effective front-of-house service to veterinary clients.



# Our Veterinary Receptionist Qualifications

## Key facts

-  DL tutor support
-  Online learning
-  Start at any time
-  Pay monthly options

## Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements; however you should have a sound level of numeracy, literacy and ICT skills.

You will need to be working, or volunteering, on reception in a veterinary practice, for a minimum of 8 hours per week, and have done so for at least three months before applying.

## Assessment

You will complete an online portfolio and undertake a short, multiple choice question, examination.

## Course content

Over the course of the qualification you will cover the following units:

-  Assisting with the supply of veterinary products
-  Maintenance of a veterinary reception area
-  Principles and practice of veterinary reception
-  Working safely in a veterinary practice
-  Essentials of veterinary terminology

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QUALIFICATIONS AND  
APPRENTICESHIPS  
AVAILABLE**

**Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/cs](http://www.caw.ac.uk/cs)  
for full details**

## Level 2 Certificate for Veterinary Receptionists

6-12 months

The Level 2 Certificate for Veterinary Receptionists is an online course tailored for the veterinary environment; that can be undertaken alongside employment, or voluntary work in a veterinary reception setting.

Ideal for those looking to gain a qualification demonstrating their industry knowledge and practical skills, the course will cover the key skills needed to provide an effective front-of-house service to veterinary clients.

All course content is delivered via distance learning on our online Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vetr](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vetr)  
for full course details



# Lifelong Learning and Development

## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Undertaking regular CPD is a professional requirement for veterinary nurses. Our range of CPD courses are suitable for both qualified and student veterinary nurses. We cover the following categories:

- Surgical Nursing
- Emergency Nursing
- Feline Nursing
- Medical Nursing
- Animal Behaviour
- Exotic Nursing
- General Nursing
- Student Revision

Early bird rates are available on selected courses when booking 6 months in advance. Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/cpd](http://www.caw.ac.uk/cpd) to view all our CPD courses.

## Our Congresses

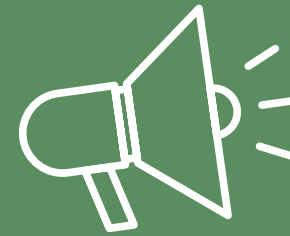
We run two annual congresses, Head Nurse Congress and Clinical Coach Congress. These two-day events allow veterinary nurses to listen to lectures from industry speakers, network with other delegates and earn up to 12 hours of CPD. More details can be found at [www.caw.ac.uk/events](http://www.caw.ac.uk/events)

## Leadership and Management Qualifications

Our leadership and management training can help you gain the skills and confidence to lead a team of people and deal with a range of management issues. More details can be found at [www.caw.ac.uk/ilm](http://www.caw.ac.uk/ilm)

## Coaching and Mentoring Qualifications

Our coaching and mentoring qualifications will develop your ability to influence, guide and develop those around you. More details can be found at: [www.caw.ac.uk/cm](http://www.caw.ac.uk/cm)



# Employer Information

## Supporting You and Your Employees

### Training Practice Approval and Clinical Coach Training

We offer a TP approval and clinical coach training service for veterinary practices looking to become involved in veterinary nurse training. For more information visit [www.caw.ac.uk/employers](http://www.caw.ac.uk/employers)

### Providing a Work Placement for a Student Veterinary Nurse

We currently have diploma and degree level student veterinary nurses looking for unpaid work placements in veterinary practices across the UK.

By offering a placement opportunity to a full-time student you can gain a keen and enthusiastic extra pair of hands in your practice and, where eligible, take advantage of a wide range of benefits including voucher rewards, free TP Approval and clinical coach training.

For more information visit [www.caw.ac.uk/vn-placement](http://www.caw.ac.uk/vn-placement)

### Bespoke Training and Consultancy

We have worked with many of the UK's leading animal welfare organisations for a number of years, providing bespoke training, eLearning solutions and consultancy to support organisations with their staff training needs. For more information visit [www.caw.ac.uk/employers](http://www.caw.ac.uk/employers)

\*Figures provided by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons June 2016

“ We have an exceptional student from The College of Animal Welfare. She proves herself to be a true asset to the practice every single day. Her enthusiasm and training at CAW has helped us to develop and 'freshen up' some of our existing protocols and routines. We decided to become a Training Practice again in 2014. This was a very easy process and it didn't cost us a single penny to do either! ”

Holly Cooper RVN Head Veterinary Nurse



# Our Alumni

Thousands of people have chosen to study with The College of Animal Welfare since we opened our doors in 1989.

Many of our alumni have gone on to achieve great things after leaving college, becoming experts in their fields.



**L3 Diploma in  
Veterinary Nursing**

Since qualifying as a veterinary nurse, Heidi has taken her skills abroad, working as an International Veterinary Nurse on welfare projects across the globe...

"I wanted a job that allowed me to work with animals, keep my brain engaged, take me around the world and allow me to give something back. The tutors at CAW helped consistently, they were always encouraging and helpful and brought good humour to the table!"



**Level 2 Diploma for  
Veterinary Care Assistants**

Evangeline completed veterinary care training with us in April 2016, and plans to undertake further studies in the future...

"I really enjoyed focusing on the medical side, delving into different conditions, treatment and care and expanding my knowledge of veterinary terminology. I particularly enjoyed the theory-based written assignments as I could really research the subject and get the most out of it."

# CAW Connect

After you complete your studies with The College of Animal Welfare, you will be invited to join our alumni association, **CAW Connect**.

CAW Connect is an innovative social networking website and education hub which gives you the opportunity to...

**Connect with other  
alumni and members  
of your industry**

**Make use of  
exclusive content**



**Find new career  
opportunities**

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with the latest  
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Visit [www.caw.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.caw.ac.uk/alumni) for more information

# Our Partners

The College of Animal Welfare is proud to work in collaboration with HE providers across the UK in order to promote animal welfare through education and training...

## THE ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE (RVC) | London

Founded in 1791, The Royal Veterinary College (RVC) is the first and biggest veterinary school in the United Kingdom. With a population of 1800 UK and international students, it is one of the world's top specialist institutions of veterinary medicine, biological sciences and veterinary nursing.

In 1996, The College of Animal Welfare opened the first of its branch centres at RVC in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. The College is located at Boltons Park, which is approximately one mile away from the main RVC building.

In conjunction with the RVC, we deliver the FdSc Veterinary Nursing programme; which gives students an exceptional standard of professional training and access to outstanding veterinary facilities.

The facilities at the RVC give students the opportunity to gain vital industry experience. With access to an advanced Clinical Skills Centre, students are able to grow their practical skills. Hawkshead Campus library holds thousands of veterinary and biological science related books and journals and are available online as eBooks and as prints.

## MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY Hendon, North West London

The college has collaborated with Middlesex in the development, delivery and assessment of the BSc (Honours) Veterinary Nursing degree since its inception in 1998.

With top of the line workshops, laboratories, and lecture theatres, Middlesex has one of the largest and most advanced campuses in London. The University is renowned for having one of the most diverse communities in the UK with over 22,000 students and staff from over 140 different countries.





# Fees and Finance

## Pay As You Learn

Our 'Pay As You Learn' scheme allows The College of Animal Welfare students the option to pay course fees (excluding professional or awarding body fees) on a monthly basis.

Professional and awarding body fees are payable in full before the commencement of the course.

## The College of Animal Welfare Hardship Fund

The College of Animal Welfare has a hardship fund which was set up to support those students who are suffering financial distress and, for whatever reason, are unable to access any other kind of assistance or where a top-up is considered necessary. To access guidance on hardship funding, and submit an application, visit our website at [www.caw.ac.uk/finance](http://www.caw.ac.uk/finance)

## TOTUM Card (previously NUS extra)

With an average saving of over £500, the TOTUM card can help you save on your purchases. The TOTUM card is available for eligible students for £12 a year. You could save on fashion, music, health, food and drink - and more!

## Advanced Learner Loan

If you are aged 19+ and are undertaking a level 3 qualification or above, you may be eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan. It's easy to apply; there is no credit check and your household income isn't taken into account. You won't have to pay anything back until you are earning over £21,000 a year.

## Grants, bursaries and additional help

To help you find financial assistance to support your training costs, we have gathered information on various grants, bursaries and additional funding information on our website at [www.caw.ac.uk/finance](http://www.caw.ac.uk/finance), however this list is not exhaustive. We recommend that you take the time to have a look through and consider if any of these are applicable to you.



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
FOR ALL COURSE FEES**

[www.caw.ac.uk](http://www.caw.ac.uk)

# Events

## Careers With Animals Day

Do you dream of working with animals? Come along to one of our free Careers with Animals Days for an opportunity to talk to professionals and gather career advice.

Whether you're at school, looking for a career change, unemployed and looking at how you can get back into work, or already working with animals and looking at different opportunities; you will have the chance to meet people and organisations within the animal care industry. Visit our website for more information:

[www.careerswithanimals.co.uk](http://www.careerswithanimals.co.uk)

## Open Days

Our Open Days give you a chance to get a taste of College life! This is a great opportunity to talk to tutors, have a tour of the facilities and find out more about what it is like to study with us. Visit our website [www.caw.ac.uk/opendays](http://www.caw.ac.uk/opendays) for further details.



# Stay in the know...

Sign up to our email newsletter and you will be the first to hear our latest news, details of upcoming events, courses and offers.

[www.caw.ac.uk/subscriptions](http://www.caw.ac.uk/subscriptions)

## We're social...

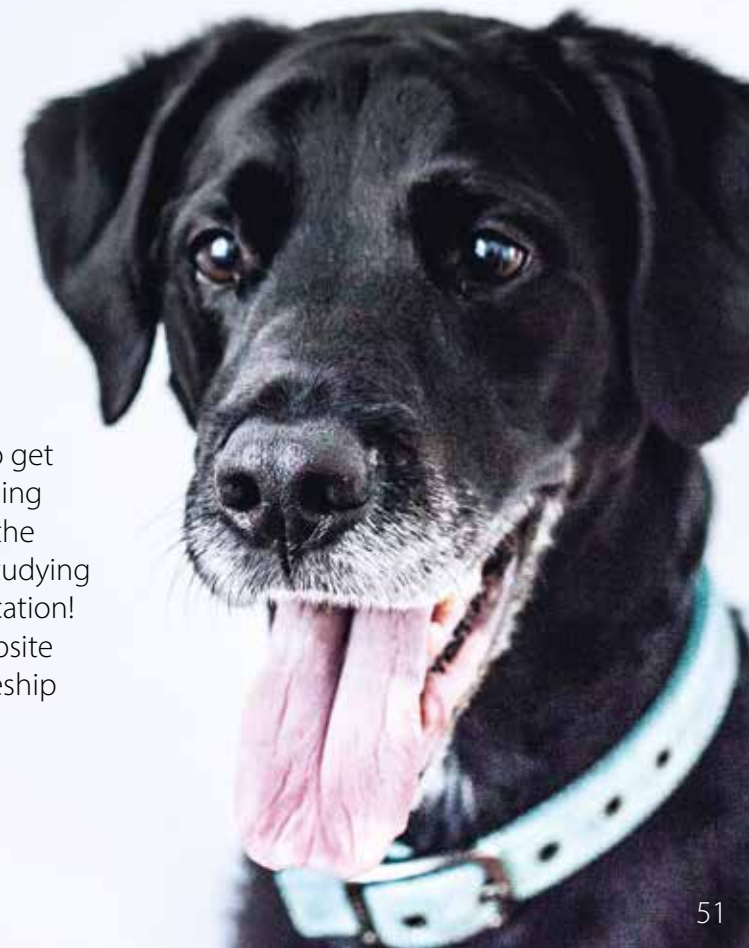


Follow us on social media, to stay connected and get an insight into CAW and like-minded people!

## Stay informed of current Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are an amazing opportunity to get paid a salary whilst gaining valuable experience in the workplace – all whilst studying for a recognised qualification! Keep an eye on our website for the latest apprenticeship opportunities.

[www.caw.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.caw.ac.uk/apprenticeships)



# Apply

If you're ready to begin your new career, apply to study with us today!

## Course Application

Find your course on our website, click the "Apply now" button, create an account and start completing the application form. You can leave the form at any time, just log back in to continue.

## Enrolment and Interview

Submit your proof of identity and other documentation. You may be asked to attend an enrolment day or interview at the college, or via telephone with a member of our programme teams.

## Start Learning

Unlike many other colleges, our induction process starts before you get to college with our online induction courses, maximising your time in learning.



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