



The College of  
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# Student Veterinary Nursing Congress

Thursday 11 January 2024

9am-4.30pm



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# Student Veterinary Nursing Congress Programme

**9am – 9.30am** **Online Registration and Exhibition**

**9.30am– 9.35am** **Chairs Welcome**

*Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC, The College of Animal Welfare*

**9.35am– 9.40am** **Introduction from Middlesex University**

**9.40am – 10.15am** **A day in the life of an ECC Referral Nurse**

*Kate Nichols PgCert VetEd, DipAVN(Surg), RVN, The Queen Mother Hospital for Animals*

This presentation will give an insight into the day in the life of an RVC ECC RVN and the Queen Mother Hospital for Small Animals.

The presentation will give you an overview of the role and responsibility from morning rounds, triage, teaching, medical treatments, preparing for the imminent emergency, communication, evening rounds and emotional support – already to it again the next day.

Gain a deeper understanding of the role of ECC RVN, including:

- Basic Triage
- Importance of effective communication
- Strength of team collaboration

**10.15am – 11am**

**ECGs Made Easy**

*Courtney Scales DipVN, NCert(Anaesth), PgCertVAA, RVN, Veterinary Anursethesia*

Monitoring of an electrocardiogram (ECG) under anaesthesia provides non-invasive information on the electrical activity of the heart and our role as veterinary nurses is to be able to identify abnormal rhythms and pass this information on to the veterinary surgeon.

Identifying abnormal ECG complexes and traces should not be based on memorising what they look like - it should be based on understanding where the normal P-QRS-T complexes and waves arise from in the heart. Once you're "bored of the normal", the abnormal ones are easy to spot!

**11am – 11.30am**

**Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

**11.30am – 12.05pm** **Morning Break**

**12.05pm –  
12.45pm**

**Wellbeing in the VN Profession**

*Jo Oakden FdSc RVN, Vetlife*

This presentation will provide an overview on the importance of looking after your wellbeing and why this is crucial when creating a sustainable career within the veterinary industry. We will also provide an overview of Vetlife - understanding how Vetlife can support you and your peers, as well as how you can support Vetlife.

**12.45pm – 1.05pm**

**Live Q&A** Present questions to the speakers

**1.05pm–2.05pm**

**Lunch Break**

## 2.05pm – 2.35pm **Critical Writing Skills**

*Alison Langridge APVN (Avian&Herp) MSc VetEd PGDip PGCert RVN BA(Hons) FHEA, The College of Animal Welfare*

A question that dissertation and project supervisors are commonly asked about is how to build a critically reflective discussion which includes facts but avoids being a purely descriptive piece of writing.

This session is aimed at student veterinary nurses and will explore the differences between descriptive and critically reflective writing as well as how to balance these two aspects in order to build a lively, critically reflective, evidence-based discussion.

## 2.35pm – 3.20pm **OSCE Hints and Tips**

*Meg Richards FdSc RVN Canine Hydrotherapist*

The OSCEs are the final part of the veterinary nursing syllabus and often can feel the most daunting.

In this session, we will discuss hints and tips on how best to prepare for your practical exams, including revision techniques and specific scenario top tips, to help you feel more confident.

As well as this, we will look at time management, self-care and anxiety relieving tips.

## 3.20pm – 3.45pm **Live Q&A Panel** Present questions to the speakers

## 3.45pm–3.55pm **Chairs Close**

*Lauren Norton BSc (Hons) RVN PGDipCAB CertVNECC, The College of Animal Welfare*

## 3.55pm–4pm **Closing Recap**

*Barbara Cooper Hon Assoc RCVS Cert Ed Lic IPD DTM RVN, The College of Animal Welfare*

## 4pm–4.30pm **Event Close**

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