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Course content

You will learn the knowledge and skills needed to work as a veterinary nurse, such as anaesthesia and theatre nursing, surgical nursing and patient care, life stage and medical nursing support, diagnostic principles, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology and much more.

What to expect...

Students who are employed in an RCVS approved veterinary practice

You will undertake lectures (classroom-based or online) on a day release basis, carry out independent online learning activities and take part in practical skills sessions in college, alongside employment in a veterinary practice gaining practical skills in the workplace. You can also undertake this qualification as part of an apprenticeship if you live and work in England.

Non-employed students with unpaid placement year

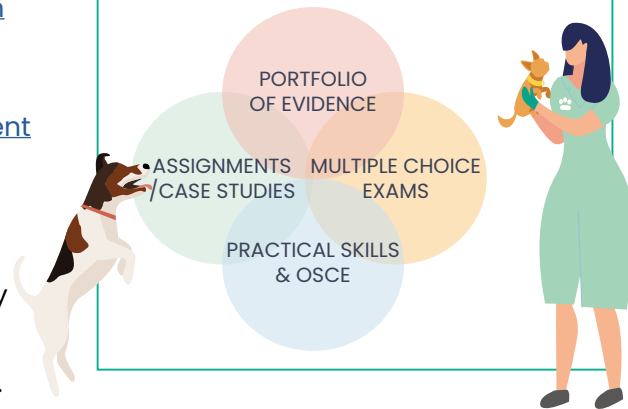
If you are not employed in a veterinary practice you can undertake this qualification with a one-year unpaid placement year in year 2. In years 1 and 3, you will undertake your lessons on a day release basis (classroom-based or online), carry out online learning activities, attend practical sessions at college and develop your practical skills using a virtual reality headset. When you are not undertaking college work in years 1 and 3, you are able to undertake casual work (working in any type of employment) to financially support yourself during the programme.

Length of study

Students employed in a veterinary practice will take between 2 1/2 and 3 years to complete the qualification. Students not employed in a veterinary practice, will undertake a 3-year programme.



You will undertake a variety of assessments



Entry requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (A*-C), including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject. Students with Scottish qualifications are required to have 5 subjects at a National 5 or Higher/Advance Higher at level A, B or C; to include Maths, English and a Science.

Employed Applicants

Students who are already employed in a veterinary practice looking to undertake this qualification must be at least 16 years of age, be working in an RCVS approved TP or aTP and have the full support of the practice to support you through your qualification.

Non-employed Applicants

Non-employed students must be a minimum of 19 years of age on the 1st of the month in which the course starts. You will also need to have completed a minimum of two weeks' work experience in a veterinary environment within the last 12 months (preferably within a small animal first opinion veterinary practice) and be able to provide a satisfactory reference from a veterinary surgeon or Registered Veterinary Nurse supporting your suitability for veterinary nurse training.

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