



Why Work as a... Veterinary Nurse

A solution for your training needs and career progression

ROLE OVERVIEW

Veterinary nursing is the supportive care of animals receiving treatment within a veterinary practice. A veterinary nurse works as a member of the veterinary team, providing expert nursing care for sick animals. Veterinary nurses also play a significant role in educating owners in keeping their pets in good health.

KEY POINTS

- **Level:** 3
- **Duration:** 30 months + End Point Assessment
- **Entry requirements:** Statutory requirement of 5 GCSEs to include Maths, English and Science of Grade C/4 and above
- On successful completion of the End Point Assessment the learner will be awarded the RCVS – accredited Licence to Practise Veterinary Nursing qualification at Level 3
- Students achieving this apprenticeship standard will be eligible to apply for professional registration with the RCVS

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

- Legislative compliance and regulatory requirements
- Anatomy and physiology in relation to veterinary nursing practice
- The principles of disease transmission in veterinary practice
- The principles of record keeping
- The principles of medical veterinary nursing and
- Nursing requirements of critically ill or injured animals
- How to take and process radiographs
- Factors affecting working relationships with clients and within the veterinary team
- The principles relating to evidence based approaches to learning

SKILL REQUIREMENTS

- Conduct nursing
- Prepare, use, maintain, store and dispose equipment, pharmaceuticals and materials
- Engage in continued professional and personal development
- Practise in accordance with the RCVS Code of Professional Conduct
- Work within the requirements of the data protection legislation

BEHAVIOUR REQUIREMENTS

- Work ethically in veterinary practice
- Take responsibility for personal and professional behaviours and decisions
- Maintain a professional appearance and follow Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) protocols
- Accept and act on constructive advice and guidance, seeking clarification to recognise own limitations

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