

Qualification title	Diploma in Animal Nursing
Qualification level	3
Qualification number	To be confirmed
Qualification type	Intended as a Technical Level qualification

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW	
<i>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</i>	The Diploma in Animal Nursing aims to prepare and support students for a career as a veterinary nurse assistant and will allow them to work confidently and competently in veterinary environments, such as veterinary practice and veterinary referral centres as a senior member of the nursing assistant team. In addition, it provides progression onto further qualifications including the Diploma in Veterinary Nursing.
<i>Are there any entry requirements?</i>	5 GCSEs (or equivalent), at grade C or above, which must include: • English language • Mathematics • A science subject
<i>What are the key purposes of the qualification?</i>	The key purposes of the qualification are: • to give students the ability to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work safely and competently • to allow students to grow as individuals and give them the chance to learn life skills essential for working in a veterinary practice environment and other similar workplaces • to give students the confidence and ability to supervise areas of the veterinary practice environment and other similar workplaces • to provide a progression onto other qualifications and within employment
<i>What does this qualification cover?</i>	The programme will include a balance of practical learning, theoretical teaching and will use a variety of strategies to ensure students can undertake tasks proficiently. Practical skills will also be supported within taught programmes and through teaching and supervised experience in a clinical veterinary environment. In order to successfully achieve the qualification a student will need to gain a pass in all units within the syllabus. All units are mandatory.

<i>What are the units within the syllabus?</i>	• Understanding the operational requirements of a veterinary practice • Professional relationships and communication for animal nursing practice • Functional anatomy and physiology for animal nursing practice • Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry for animal nurses • Infection control in veterinary practice • Supporting veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals • Supporting the supply of veterinary medicines • Supporting diagnostic imaging • Supporting laboratory diagnostics • Assisting the veterinary operating theatre nurse • Assisting with preparing equipment and animals for anaesthesia • Providing animal nursing support to small animal patients • Supporting peri-operative animal nursing • Assisting with first aid and critical care
<i>How is the qualification assessed?</i>	Theory and knowledge are tested through examinations set and marked by CQ. Practical elements of the qualification are assessed through the Central Skills Log (an electronic recording system).
<i>How is the qualification graded?</i>	<i>Distinction</i> ○ First time pass of 75% and above in all units of each theory examination ○ Completion of Central Skills Log <i>Merit</i> ○ First time pass of 65% and above in all units of each theory examination ○ Completion of Central Skills Log <i>Pass</i> ○ Pass of 50% in each theory examination ○ Completion of Central Skills Log
<i>Who supports this qualification?</i>	Industry http://centralqualifications.org/cq-en/images/CQdocuments/Industry%20support%20letter%20-%20Level%203%20DipAN.pdf Further education http://centralqualifications.org/cq-en/images/CQdocuments/Further%20Education%20support%20letter%20-%20Level%203%20DipAN.pdf