



CENTRAL QUALIFICATIONS™

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Well-trained veterinary nursing staff are key to the successful operation and development of veterinary practices. The role of the veterinary nurse has expanded over the years and with it the need for well-trained, competent and caring veterinary nurses; this in turn has placed its demand on colleges and practices involved in training.

In October 2011 Central Qualifications (CQ) became the first independent awarding body to offer a veterinary nursing qualification, the CQ Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (DipVN).

Central Qualifications aims to:

- Reduce the administrative burden of training through new initiatives and increased support for colleges, tutors, students and practices.
- Improve quality of training with greater focus on the outcomes of training and practical competencies.
- Make veterinary nurse training more accessible to practices.
- Through improved training, create new opportunities for veterinary nurses working within veterinary practices.

About us

CQ is an Ofqual approved awarding body and provides a range of modern and comprehensive qualifications for the veterinary industry.

The majority of our staff are veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses who have worked in practice for a number of years. Our combined veterinary and veterinary nursing expertise amounts to over 150 years.

Direct input from veterinary practices ensures that the qualifications offered reflect the current needs of the veterinary industry and are also deliverable within the working practice environment.

After qualifying, students can be confident that they will have gained the necessary skills, knowledge and practical competencies needed to advance their careers.

CQ works alongside sector skills councils to ensure that qualifications meet or exceed the national occupational standards. Its accredited national qualifications are designed to fit onto the qualifications and credit framework (QCF).

We are dedicated to the highest standards of vocational learning.



Working with Central Qualifications

CQ's Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (DipVN) has a number of benefits for students, clinical coaches, training practices and colleges.

These include:

- The flexibility for colleges to use different training styles and structures
- Increased guidance for students, clinical coaches and tutors
- An enhanced and custom built web-based skills recording system (CSL)
- A built in communication tool within the CSL.
- An inclusive approach to smaller colleges so that remote and rural areas have access to training.
- A team based approach to training with multiple coaches and tutors facilitated.
- Rigorous and fair examination systems.

The DipVN has been designed to meet the needs and requirements of both practices and students.

Central Skills Log

The Central Skills Log (CSL) is a key component of CQ's DipVN and other veterinary qualifications.

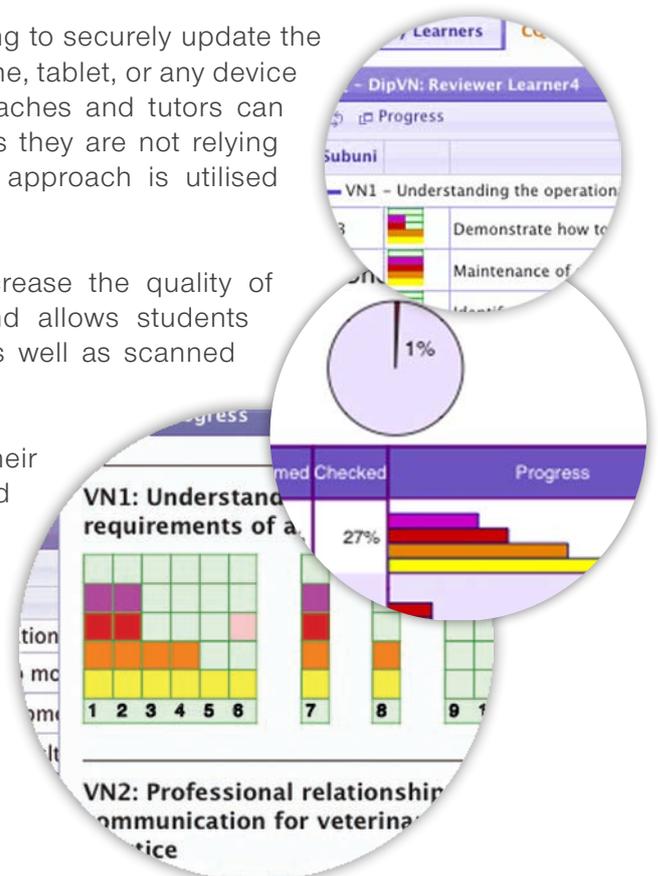
It has been specially designed for CQ as a work-based learning and communication tool to support the delivery of CQ qualifications.

The CSL allows everyone involved in training to securely update the student log. This can be done by smartphone, tablet, or any device with a web browser. Students, clinical coaches and tutors can record progress quickly and thoroughly, as they are not relying wholly on one person. This team based approach is utilised throughout the whole CSL system.

The CSL has also been designed to increase the quality of evidence recorded for practical tasks and allows students to upload pictorial and media evidence as well as scanned documents and written statements.

This enables students to demonstrate their achievements in the most appropriate and beneficial way for optimum results.

Every task within the CSL has guidance information for students, tutors and coaches.



Further Developments from CQ

In addition to Central Qualifications leading the change in veterinary nursing with the new small animal DipVN, it also has a number of other specifically designed veterinary nursing qualifications.

CQ will soon be unveiling the DipEVN. This equine veterinary nursing qualification is specially designed for nurses working in equine practices.

Its pre-veterinary nursing qualification, the Diploma in Animal Nursing is proving to be a popular choice for new staff joining a veterinary practice and is a suitable choice for veterinary nursing assistants or auxiliaries.

A series of new post-graduate qualifications are also in development and these are designed to be completed while working in practice.

Getting involved

If you are currently involved in veterinary nurse training and would like to enrol your nurses with Central Qualifications then please contact us for details of how to proceed.

If you're not currently training veterinary nurses and would like to be involved, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Contact CQ for more information

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