

Diploma in **Animal Nursing**



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Central Qualifications (CQ) is a nationally recognised Ofqual approved awarding body that is committed to developing and providing a wide range of qualifications to meet the needs of the veterinary industry.

Well-trained nursing staff are key to the successful operation of modern veterinary practices. We believe that the continual development of the role of the veterinary nurse within the practice team will further improve the professional care available for animals. Therefore, CQ engages with learners, practices, colleges and training providers in delivering a range of modern and comprehensive qualifications that support the profession.

We are dedicated to providing high standards of vocational learning. Our qualifications have been developed to provide learners with the knowledge and practical competencies needed to be a valuable employee and, ultimately,

to benefit the profession. The majority of our staff are veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses, who understand the requirements of the industry and the necessity for training that is deliverable within the working practice.

Our fresh way of thinking means that the qualifications offered are not only innovative and flexible, but have been designed to improve the way in which learners and centres undertake them. All courses offered by CQ are quality assured and assessed to the highest standards.

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This Level 2 pre-veterinary nursing qualification for animal nurses prepares learners for a career in veterinary practice.

Learners will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to work safely and competently in a veterinary environment, as well as the confidence and ability to supervise areas in a veterinary practice.

The Diploma in Animal Nursing provides life skills essential for allowing learners to grow as individuals and to be valuable members of the practice team.

Entry requirements

Learners should have, or be working towards, a minimum of four GCSEs (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics.

Qualification delivery

The Diploma in Animal Nursing is delivered by Centres approved by Central Qualifications. For a full list of Centres, [click here](#).

Whilst completing the course, learners must be able to undertake work experience in a veterinary practice that has been approved for training by Central Qualifications. It is essential that learners are taught in suitable veterinary teaching environments as practical learning is a vital element of this qualification.

Methods of learning

The course will require a minimum of 1,650 guided learning hours and learners can undertake this qualification on a full or part-time basis. Learners are also required to complete a minimum of 1,500 hours of practice experience in an approved veterinary or animal management environment.

Practical learning, coupled with theoretical teaching, ensures that learners develop a comprehensive understanding of the role, as well as the required practical competences to be an animal nurse.



Qualification structure

Units of study

- Principles of supporting veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals
- Practical support of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised patients
- Principles of supporting veterinary medicine supply
- Principles of supporting diagnostic imaging
- Principles of supporting laboratory diagnostics
- Principles of assisting the veterinary operating theatre nurse
- Principles of preparing equipment and animals for anaesthesia
- Practical preparation of equipment and animals for anaesthesia
- Principles of supporting peri-operative animal nursing
- Practice support of peri-operative animal nursing
- Principles of providing animal nursing support to small animals
- Practical animal nursing support of small animal patients
- Principles of assisting and supporting small animal emergency care
- Understanding the operational requirements of a veterinary practice

- Professional relationships and communication for veterinary nursing practice
- Comparative functional anatomy for veterinary nursing practice
- Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry for veterinary nurses
- Infection control in veterinary practice

Assessment

Learners are required to complete a series of assignments, examinations and clinical skills assessments when studying for the Diploma in Animal Nursing; these are graded as pass or fail and learners are required to pass all assessments to achieve the qualification.

Learners will also compile a work-based online progress log (Central Skills Log).

Progression

The Diploma in Animal Nursing allows learners to progress onto the Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Small Animal/Equine).



CQ Approved Centres



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