

# Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants



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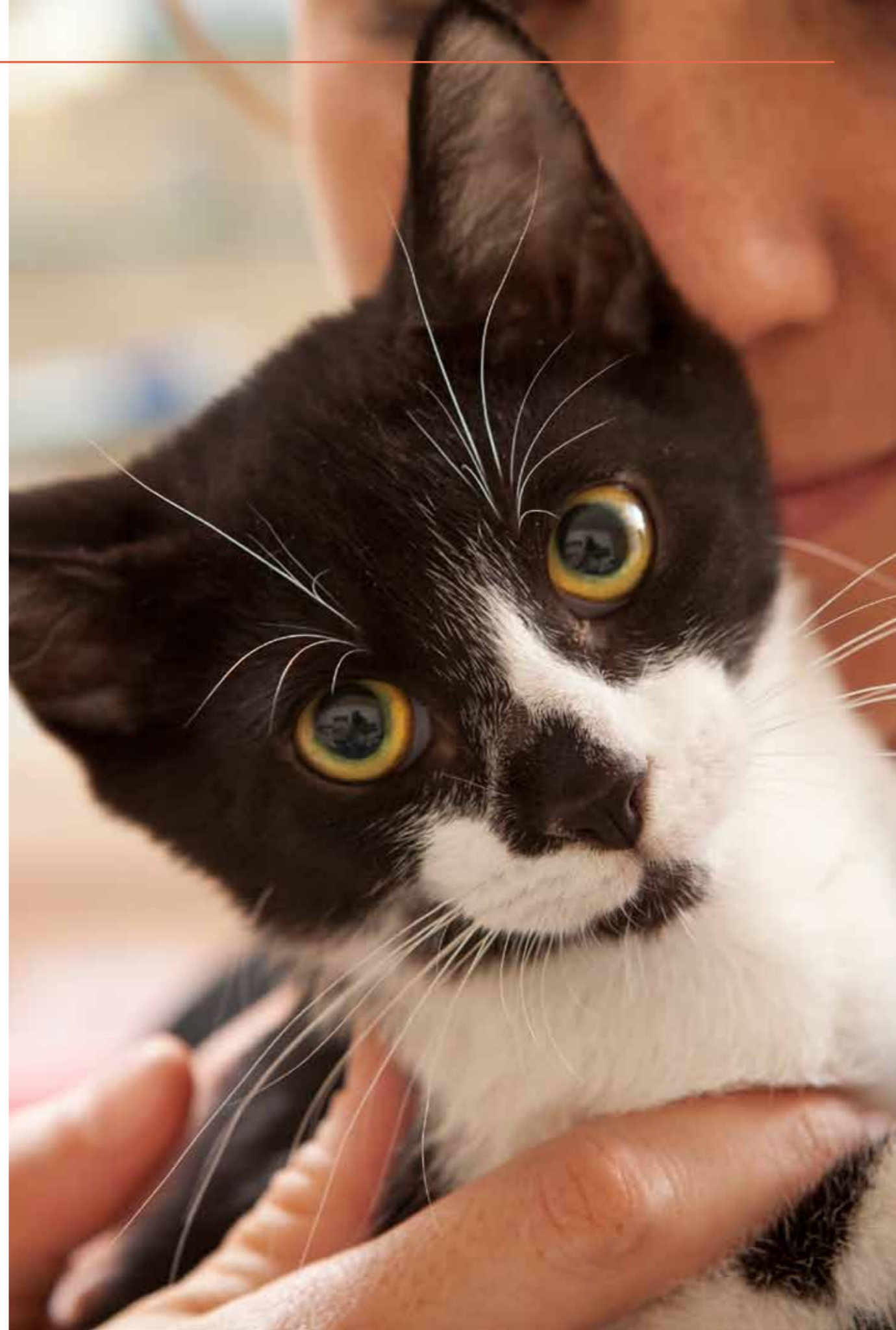
Well-trained nursing staff are key to the successful operation of modern veterinary practices. We believe that the continual development of the role of the veterinary nurse within the practice team will further improve the professional care available for animals. Therefore, CQ engages with learners, 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.

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# Veterinary Nursing Assistant Qualification

*This Level 2 pre-veterinary nursing qualification for veterinary nursing assistants provides a pathway to veterinary nursing.*

## Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for this course, although it is recommended that learners study for functional skills Level 2 Numeracy and Literacy if these, or equivalent, have not been achieved.

## Qualification delivery

This qualification is delivered by Centres approved by Central Qualifications. For a full list of Centres, [click here](#).

The programme will include a balance of practical learning and theoretical teaching. A relevant work placement is required to allow for the acquisition of skills and to enable students to become competent and confident in a veterinary environment.

## Methods of learning

An estimated learning time of 570 hours is required and learners can

undertake this qualification on a full or part-time basis.

Practical learning comprising supervised experience in a clinical environment, coupled with theoretical teaching, ensures that learners develop a comprehensive understanding of the role, as well as the required practical competencies to be a veterinary nursing assistant.

## Qualification structure

To achieve the full qualification, learners must complete six mandatory and two optional units.

### Mandatory units of study:

- Maintain and develop personal performance
- Principles and practices of administrative duties in the veterinary care environment
- Companion animal anatomy and physiology
- Principles and practices of animal handling and care in the veterinary environment
- Principles of infection control for animal nursing assistants
- Principles of supporting veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals

### Mandatory units of study:

- Practical support of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised patients
- Practical support of peri-operative animal nursing
- Practical animal nursing support of small animal patients

## Assessment

Learners are required to complete a series of assignments, examinations and clinical skills assessments when studying for the Diploma for Veterinary Nursing Assistants; 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 for Veterinary Nursing Assistants allows learners to progress onto the Diploma in Animal Nursing and the Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Small Animal/Equine).



# CQ Approved Centres



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