

<b>Qualification title</b>	<b>Diploma in Veterinary Nursing – Small Animal Practice</b>
<b>Qualification level</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Qualification number</b>	<b>Ofqual: 603/2318/8 QiW: C00/1206/6</b>

<b>QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW</b>	
<b><i>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</i></b>	<p>The Diploma in Veterinary Nursing - Small Animal Practice aims to prepare and support learners for a career in veterinary nursing.</p> <p>In addition, it provides progression onto further qualifications including the RCVS Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing.</p>
<b><i>Are there any entry requirements?</i></b>	<p>5 GCSEs (or equivalent), at grade 4(C) or above, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English language</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• A science subject</li> </ul>
<b><i>What are the key purposes of the qualification?</i></b>	<p>The key purposes of the qualification are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To give learners the ability to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to practice veterinary nursing, safely and competently</li> <li>• To allow learners to grow as individuals and give them the chance to earn life skills essential for professional development</li> <li>• to provide a progression onto other qualifications and within employment</li> </ul>
<b><i>What does this qualification cover?</i></b>	<p>The programme will include a balance of practice-based learning and theoretical teaching and use a variety of strategies to ensure learners can undertake clinical tasks proficiently.</p> <p>Practical skills will also be supported within taught programmes and through teaching and supervised experience in a veterinary training practice.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p><i>What are the units within the syllabus?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational requirements in small animal practice</li> <li>• Professional relationships and communication in small animal practice</li> <li>• Small animal functional anatomy and physiology for veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry in small animal practice</li> <li>• Infection control in small animal practice</li> <li>• Veterinary nursing care for hospitalised small animals</li> <li>• Veterinary medicine supply in small animal practice</li> <li>• Diagnostic imaging in small animal practice</li> <li>• Laboratory diagnostics in small animal practice</li> <li>• Operating theatre practice for small animal veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Principles of supporting anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Practical monitoring of anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Principles of small animal veterinary nursing support</li> <li>• Practical small animal veterinary nursing support</li> <li>• Principles of small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support</li> <li>• Practical small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support</li> <li>• Veterinary nursing support for emergency and critical care of small animal patients</li> <li>• Professionalism and ethics for small animal veterinary nurses</li> </ul>
<p><i>How is the qualification assessed?</i></p>	<p><b>Knowledge and understanding will be assessed by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignments set by CQ and administered by Centres.</li> <li>• Multiple choice examinations set and administered by CQ.</li> <li>• Short answer question examination set and administered by CQ.</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical skills will be assessed by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An electronic work-based progress log (Central Skills Log). Practical skills are recorded by learners using the Central Skills Log. Clinical coaches/practical tutors confirm competency and Centres internally verify progress.</li> <li>• Practical examination of essential clinical skills (OSCE - Objective Structured Clinical Examination) set and administered by CQ, and delivered in CQ approved OSCE Centres.</li> </ul>

<p><i>How is the qualification graded?</i></p>	<p><b>Distinction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First time pass of 80% and above in all components of each theory examination</li> <li>○ First time pass of 12/12 in OSCE</li> <li>○ Pass in all assignments</li> <li>○ Completion of Central Skills Log</li> </ul> <p><b>Merit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First time pass in all components of each theory examination</li> <li>○ First time pass of 8/12 in OSCE</li> <li>○ Pass in all assignments</li> <li>○ Completion of Central Skills Log</li> </ul> <p><b>Pass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pass in each theory examination</li> <li>○ Pass in OSCE</li> <li>○ Pass in all assignments</li> <li>○ Completion of Central Skills Log</li> </ul>
<p><i>Who supports this qualification?</i></p>	<p><b>Industry</b>  <a href="http://cqual.org/cq-en/images/CQdocuments/Industry%20support%20for%20the%20Level%203%20Diploma%20in%20Veterinary%20Nursing%20-%20Small%20Animal%20Practice%20and%20Equine%20Practice.pdf">http://cqual.org/cq-en/images/CQdocuments/Industry%20support%20for%20the%20Level%203%20Diploma%20in%20Veterinary%20Nursing%20-%20Small%20Animal%20Practice%20and%20Equine%20Practice.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Further education</b>  <a href="http://cqual.org/cq-en/images/CQdocuments/Further%20Education%20support%20for%20Level%203%20Diploma%20in%20Veterinary%20Nursing%20-%20Small%20Animal%20Practice%20and%20Equine%20Practice.pdf">http://cqual.org/cq-en/images/CQdocuments/Further%20Education%20support%20for%20Level%203%20Diploma%20in%20Veterinary%20Nursing%20-%20Small%20Animal%20Practice%20and%20Equine%20Practice.pdf</a></p>