

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

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW	
<i>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</i>	<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>
<i>Are there any entry requirements?</i>	<p>5 GCSEs (or equivalent), at grade 4(C) or above, which must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English language • Mathematics • A science subject
<i>What are the key purposes of the qualification?</i>	<p>The key purposes of the qualification are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give learners the ability to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to practice veterinary nursing, safely and competently • To allow learners to grow as individuals and give them the chance to earn life skills essential for professional development • to provide a progression onto other qualifications and within employment
<i>What does this qualification cover?</i>	<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"> • Operational requirements in small animal practice • Professional relationships and communication in small animal practice • Small animal functional anatomy and physiology for veterinary nurses • Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry in small animal practice • Infection control in small animal practice • Veterinary nursing care for hospitalised small animals • Veterinary medicine supply in small animal practice • Diagnostic imaging in small animal practice • Laboratory diagnostics in small animal practice • Operating theatre practice for small animal veterinary nurses • Principles of supporting anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses • Practical monitoring of anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses • Principles of small animal veterinary nursing support • Practical small animal veterinary nursing support • Principles of small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support • Practical small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support • Veterinary nursing support for emergency and critical care of small animal patients • Professionalism and ethics for small animal veterinary nurses
<p><i>How is the qualification assessed?</i></p>	<p>Knowledge and understanding will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments set by CQ and administered by Centres. • Multiple choice examinations set and administered by CQ. • Short answer question examination set and administered by CQ. <p>Practical skills will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Practical examination of essential clinical skills (OSCE - Objective Structured Clinical Examination) set and administered by CQ, and delivered in CQ approved OSCE Centres.

<p><i>How is the qualification graded?</i></p>	<p>Distinction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First time pass of 80% and above in all components of each theory examination ○ First time pass of 12/12 in OSCE ○ Pass in all assignments ○ Completion of Central Skills Log <p>Merit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First time pass in all components of each theory examination ○ First time pass of 8/12 in OSCE ○ Pass in all assignments ○ Completion of Central Skills Log <p>Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pass in each theory examination ○ Pass in OSCE ○ Pass in all assignments ○ Completion of Central Skills Log
<p><i>Who supports this qualification?</i></p>	<p>Industry 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</p> <p>Further education 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</p>
<p>Total Qualification Time (TQT)</p>	<p>2990</p>
<p>Guided Learning Hours (GLH)</p>	<p>1290</p>