

<b>Qualification title</b>	<b>Certificate in Emergency and Critical Care Nursing – Small Animal</b>
<b>Qualification level</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW</b>	
<i><b>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</b></i>	<p>The Certificate in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Nursing- Small Animal aims to prepare and support learners for nursing a variety of small animal patients diagnosed with emergency and critical care conditions, thereby supporting the enhancement and advancement of veterinary nursing provision in this field.</p> <p>This Award allows learners to progress into further qualifications if they wish, including qualifications such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Level 4 Certificates including medical, dental, anaesthesia and consultation.</li> <li>• Level 5 Certificates including the Advanced Diploma in Veterinary Nursing.</li> </ul>
<i><b>Are there any entry requirements?</b></i>	<p>Learners should be a qualified registered veterinary nurse (RVN) on the small animal RCVS register. In order to complete the qualification, the learner must currently be working in a veterinary environment with exposure to emergency and critical care cases</p>
<i><b>What are the key purposes of the qualification?</b></i>	<p>The key purposes of the qualification are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To give the learners the opportunity to build upon their licence to practise qualification knowledge and skills in order to provide high quality nursing support to veterinary emergency and critical care patients.</li> <li>• To enable the learners to develop a deeper understanding of aspects of veterinary emergency and critical care nursing in order to effectively assess, plan, implement and review evidence-based nursing care and support.</li> </ul>
<i><b>What does this qualification cover?</b></i>	<p>The programme will predominantly focus on theoretical learning but will also require the learners to reflect upon their own knowledge, skills and professional practice so they can grow as individuals within the field of veterinary emergency and critical care nursing, and become more confident in their ability to support patients and colleagues.</p>
<i><b>What are the units within the syllabus?</b></i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Triage of the veterinary patient</li> <li>• Supporting the critically ill patient</li> <li>• Diagnostic procedures, anaesthetic and pain management in emergency and critical care patient</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursing of cardiovascular and respiratory disease in the veterinary patient</li> <li>• Nursing of toxicity cases and gastrointestinal disease</li> <li>• Nursing of haematological and genitourinary conditions</li> <li>• Nursing of the neuromuscular, neurological and endocrine patients</li> </ul>
<i>How is the qualification assessed?</i>	<p><b>Knowledge and understanding will be assessed by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice and short answer examination set and administered by Central Qualifications</li> <li>• Once assignment and one case study</li> </ul>

<i>How is the qualification graded?</i>	<p><b>Distinction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First time pass of 75% and above in each theory examination</li> <li>○ Pass in all assignments</li> </ul> <p><b>Merit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First time pass in each theory examination</li> <li>○ Pass in all assignments</li> </ul> <p><b>Pass</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pass of 55% or more in each theory examination</li> <li>○ Pass in all assignments</li> </ul>
<i>Who supports this qualification?</i>	<p><b>Industry</b>  <a href="https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-ceedccsa">https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-ceedccsa</a></p> <p><b>Further education</b>  <a href="https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-ceedccsa">https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-ceedccsa</a></p>

