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| Qualification title | Certificate in Veterinary Anaesthesia - Small Animal |
| Qualification level | 4  |

| QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW  |  |
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| <i>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</i> | <p>The Certificate in Veterinary Anaesthesia – Small Animal aims to prepare and support learners for providing veterinary nursing support to a variety of small animal patients being anaesthetised, supporting the enhancement and advancement of veterinary nursing provision in this field.</p> <p>This Certificate 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 such as medical, ECC and nurse consultations</li> <li>• Level 5 Certificates – including certificates in advanced veterinary nursing</li> </ul> |
| <i>Are there any entry requirements?</i>                        | Learners must be a qualified registered veterinary nurse (RVN) on the RCVS register.   |
| <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"> <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 patients being anaesthetised, and their colleagues.</li> <li>• To enable the learners to develop a deeper understanding of aspects of veterinary anaesthesia in order to effectively assess, plan, implement and review evidence-based nursing care and support</li> </ul>  |

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| <p><i>What does this qualification cover?</i></p>     | <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 anaesthetic nursing, and become more confident in their ability to support patients and colleagues.</p> <p>In order to successfully achieve the qualification a learner 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>• Understand the fundamental concepts and principles of anaesthesia in small animals</li> <li>• Understand the optimal preparation of the patient and equipment for anaesthesia</li> <li>• Understand fluid therapy needs of the anaesthetised patient</li> <li>• Understand the pharmacology of common anaesthesia drugs</li> <li>• Understand the principles and practice of patient monitoring during anaesthesia</li> <li>• Understanding recovery and discharge from anaesthesia</li> <li>• Understand anaesthetic protocols for specific patient groups</li> <li>• Understand anaesthetic protocols for specific patient conditions</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 examination set and administered by CQ.</li> <li>• Short answer question examination set and administered by CQ.</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 75% or more 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>   |
| <p><i>Who supports this qualification?</i></p>        | <p><b>Industry</b><br/><a href="https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-cevasa">https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-cevasa</a></p> <p><b>Further education</b><br/><a href="https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-cevasa">https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-cevasa</a></p>  |