

<b>Qualification title</b>	<b>Diploma in Veterinary Nursing – EQ</b>
<b>Qualification level</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW</b>	
<i><b>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</b></i>	<p>The Diploma in Veterinary Nursing - EQ 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><b>Are there any entry requirements?</b></i>	<p>Learners must evidence capability in numeracy, literacy and science. This would typically include GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (or A* to C), including English, mathematics and a science subject or equivalent.</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 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>
<i><b>What does this qualification cover?</b></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 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>• Operational requirements in equine practice</li> <li>• Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry in equine practice</li> <li>• Infection control in equine practice</li> <li>• Communication and professional relationships in equine practice</li> <li>• Veterinary nursing care for hospitalised equines</li> <li>• Veterinary medicine supply in equine practice</li> <li>• Understand and apply the principles of fluid therapy and intravenous cannulation</li> <li>• Introduction to professional practice, professionalism and ethics for equine veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Principles of supporting anaesthesia for equine veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Theatre practice for equine veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Principles of equine peri-operative veterinary nursing support</li> <li>• Diagnostic imaging in equine practice</li> <li>• Laboratory diagnostics in equine practice</li> <li>• Principles of equine veterinary nursing support</li> <li>• Principles of neonatal care for equine veterinary nurses</li> <li>• Veterinary nursing support for emergency and critical care of equine patients</li> <li>• Home care and convalescence</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="https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-dipvneq2509">https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-dipvneq2509</a></p> <p><b>Further education</b> <a href="https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-dipvneq2509">https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-dipvneq2509</a></p>
<p><b>Total Qualification Time (TQT)</b></p>	<p>2990</p>
<p><b>Guided Learning Hours (GLH)</b></p>	<p>1190</p>