

Qualification title	Diploma in Veterinary Nursing – SA
Qualification level	3

QUALIFICATION OVERVIEW	
<i>Who is this qualification for and what could it lead to?</i>	<p>The Diploma in Veterinary Nursing - SA 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>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>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 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"> • Operational requirements in small animal practice • Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry in small animal practice • Infection control in small animal practice • Communication and professional relationships in small animal practice • Veterinary nursing care for hospitalised small animals • Veterinary medicine supply in small animal practice • Understand and apply the principles of fluid therapy and intravenous cannulation • Introduction to professional practice, professionalism and ethics for small animal veterinary nurses • Principles of supporting anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses • Theatre practice for small animal veterinary nurses • Principles of small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support • Diagnostic imaging in small animal practice • Laboratory diagnostics in small animal practice • Principles of small animal veterinary nursing support • Veterinary nursing support for emergency and critical care of small animal patients • Home care and convalescence
<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 https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/industry-support-dipvnsa2509</p> <p>Further education https://cqual.org/knowledge-base/resources/qualification-letters-of-support/educator-support-dipvnsa2509</p>
<p>Total Qualification Time (TQT)</p>	<p>2990</p>
<p>Guided Learning Hours (GLH)</p>	<p>1190</p>