



Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing  
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Veterinary Nursing Centre number: 067682

**Course Factsheet**  
**RCVS Veterinary Nursing Level 3 Diploma (Day Release)**

**Venue:**

Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing, Higher Bockhampton, Dorset, DT2 8QH

**About the Course:**

Course Length: 2½ years

Day release: 1 day per week over 2½ years, a minimum of 44 weeks per year.

**Entry Criteria:**

Five GCSEs at pass level A-C / 9-4 or equivalent Level 2 qualifications which must include English language, a science subject, and mathematics.

Please speak to a member of staff about alternative entry requirements if you do not hold a science qualification.

You must be able to provide the original qualification certificates or acquire duplicates from the examination board before admittance onto the course.

**Course Fees:**

Levy Funded Apprenticeships:

£6,000.00 contributions from government levy funds of which the employer must co-invest 10% over two years (£600, split into two payments of £300), plus additional tuition and external fees as below.

Non-Levy Funded Apprenticeships:

- **Under 19 years** on the first day of the course – fully government funded (no tuition fees apply)\*
- **19 years +** on the first day of the course – partial government funding, plus tuition and external fees as below.

\*RCVS enrolment and City & Guilds registration fees still apply

### Tuition Fees:

£1,250+VAT per year for two years (unless student holds a degree, then full fees apply).

### External Fees:

RCVS Enrolment	£185.00
C+G Enrolment	£206.00
Online exams	£56.10
<u>OSCEs</u>	<u>£217.00</u>
Total	£664.10

### List of Units – Core Units:

- 301 - Understanding the operational requirements of a veterinary practice
- 302 - Comparative functional anatomy for veterinary nursing practice
- 303 - Professional relationships and communication for veterinary nursing practice
- 304 - Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry for veterinary nurses
- 305 - Infection control in veterinary practice
- 306 - Essentials of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals
- 307 - Supporting the supply of veterinary medicines
- 308 - Veterinary nursing support of diagnostic imaging
- 309 - Veterinary nursing support of laboratory diagnostics
- 310 - Supporting veterinary operating theatre practice
- 312 - Principles of supporting veterinary anaesthesia
- 313 - Preparing for professional registration

### Small Animal Option Pathway:

- ☐ 314 - Principles of peri-operative veterinary nursing support for small animals
- ☐ 315 - Principles of veterinary support for small animal patients
- ☐ 316 - Principles of small animal veterinary nursing emergency and critical care

This qualification leads to professional registration and a licence to practice.

It is a requirement of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Regulatory Bye-laws that such qualifications be subject to independent assessment and examination.

The qualification will accordingly be assessed using a variety of methods:

- City and Guilds external examinations of knowledge and understanding
- City and Guilds OSCE examination of essential clinical skills
- Nursing progress log (NPL)
- Independently assessed examinations and assignments

**Industrial Experience:**

This qualification requires candidates to be in paid employment in clinical veterinary practice, ideally full time.

**Possible Careers / Jobs:**

Veterinary clinic / hospital

Animal welfare

Industry

Nursing abroad

University

Practice manager

Instructor/lecturer

Theatre nurse

Laboratory technician

Pharmacological or nutrition representative

**Progression:**

Higher Education Diploma in Clinical Veterinary Nursing leading to RCVS Diploma Advanced Nursing leading to BSc (Hons) Clinical Veterinary Nursing.

**Special Educational Needs and Disability:**

Prospective students who have a disability that may affect their studies should inform the College as soon as possible. Reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate student needs and to provide appropriate support to enable successful completion of the course of study. Where necessary, students will be asked for evidence to help identify appropriate adjustments.

**Application:**

If you would like to apply, please contact the school on 01305 264140 or [school@lsvn.co.uk](mailto:school@lsvn.co.uk)

Please note that the information provided in this fact sheet was accurate at the date of publication. However, courses are continually being modified and information is therefore subject to change.

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