

Myerscough-Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing

Course Factsheet

RCVS Veterinary Nursing Level 3 Diploma (Day Release)

Course Length: 2½ years

Venue: Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing – Poundbury Dorset

About the Course:

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

Entry Criteria / Additional Information

5 GCSEs - English Language, Science, and Mathematics plus 2 others. ABC Animal Nursing Assistants Certificate (Level 2) or equivalent relevant Animal Care qualifications as recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

Course Fees:

- **Under 19 on the first day of the course – fully government funded (no tuition fees apply);**
- **19-23 on the first day of the course – Partial government funding plus course fees* £1.050+VAT per year (unless student holds a degree, then full fees apply).
*RCVS enrolment and City & Guilds registration fees still apply. RCVS enrolment fee £169, City and Guilds registration fee £464.30 (increases by 3% in September 2015)**
- **24+ (or 19-23 with a degree) on the first day of the course. Learners will require a £7,750 advanced learning loan or alternative funding source.**

<http://www.myerscough.a.uk/?page=further-education-finance>

List of Units – Core Units

- **301 - Understanding the operational requirements of a veterinary practice**
- **303 - Professional relationships and communication for veterinary nursing practice**
- **302 - Comparative functional anatomy for veterinary nursing practice**
- **304 - Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry for veterinary nurses**
- **305 - Infection control in veterinary practice**

- 311 - Understanding the essentials of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals
- 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

- 317 - Practical monitoring of small animal veterinary anaesthesia
- 314 - Principles of peri-operative veterinary nursing support for small animals
- 318 - Practical peri-operative veterinary nursing support for small animals
- 315 - Principles of veterinary support for small animal patients
- 319 - Practical veterinary nursing support of 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 examination of knowledge and understanding
- City and Guilds OSCE examination of essential clinical skills
- Nursing progress log (NPL)
- Independently assessed 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 Clinical Veterinary Nursing leading to RCVS
Diploma Advanced Nursing leading to BSc (Hons) Clinical Veterinary
Nursing.

How to Apply

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Special Education 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.

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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