



Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing  
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## **Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (DipVN™) Small Animal (Day Release)**

### **Course Factsheet**

Course Length: **Up to 36 months**

**Venue:** Lynwood School of Veterinary Nursing –Higher Bockhampton, Dorset

### **About the Course:**

Day release: 1 day per week up to 36 months, a minimum of 44 weeks per year

### **Entry Criteria**

5 GCSEs – To include English language, science, and mathematics plus 2 others.

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

### **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)**

CQ may accept the evidence of recent and relevant experience and alternative qualifications if this has been achieved within ten years of registration. However, learners would be required to complete all CQ assessments.

### **Course Fees:**

Non Levy Funded Apprenticeships and Fully Funded Apprenticeships are available. Please contact us for more details.

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.

### Qualification Structure

All units are mandatory

Unit Number	Title of Unit	Level	Credits
VNSA1	Operational requirements in small animal practice	3	11
VNSA2	Professional relationships and communication in small animal practice	3	9
VNSA3	Small animal functional anatomy and physiology for veterinary nurses	3	29
VNSA4	Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry in small animal practice	3	22
VNSA5	Infection control in small animal practice	3	16
VNSA6	Veterinary nursing care for hospitalised small animals	3	15
VNSA7	Veterinary medicine supply in small animal practice	3	11
VNSA8	Diagnostic imaging in small animal practice	3	22
VNSA9	Laboratory diagnostics in small animal practice	3	16
VNSA10	Operating theatre practice for small animal veterinary nurses	3	23
VNSA11	Principles of supporting anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses	3	27
VNSA12	Practical monitoring of anaesthesia for small animal veterinary nurses	3	10
VNSA13	Principles of small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support	3	19
VNSA14	Practical small animal veterinary nursing support	3	23
VNSA15	Principles of small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support	3	14
VNSA16	Practical small animal peri-operative veterinary nursing support	3	7
VNSA17	Veterinary nursing support for emergency and critical care of small animal patients	3	17
VNSA18	Professionalism and ethics for small animal veterinary nurses	3	8

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

**Knowledge and understanding will be assessed by:**

- Assignments set by CQ and administered by LSVN
- Multiple choice examinations set and administered by CQ.
- Short answer question examination set and administered by CQ.

## **Practical skills will be assessed by:**

- 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 LSVN internally verify progress.
- Practical examination of essential clinical skills (OSCE - Objective Structured Clinical Examination) set and administered by CQ, and delivered at LSVN.

Assignments are marked by LSVN according to the marking criteria set by CQ. LSVN internally verify completed 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**

### **Please contact:**

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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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