

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. Applies to cohort commencing in:	2025
2. Degree Granting Body	University of London
3. Awarding institution	The Royal Veterinary College
4. Teaching institution	The Royal Veterinary College

21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark

QAA subject benchmark for Veterinary Nursing Oct 2019

22. Other External Reference Points

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), documents of interest:

- RCVS Day One skills for Veterinary Nurses
- RCVS Day One competencies for Veterinary Nurses
- RCVS Professional behaviours and attributes
- RCVS Veterinary Nursing Fitness to practice
- RCVS Accrediting Veterinary Nursing Qualifications
- RCVS Veterinary Nurse Registration Rules

Office for Students (OfS) Sector-recognised standards

23. Aims of programme

Course Aims

- Produce a safe, competent and reflective Veterinary Nurse who is eligible for admission to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Veterinary Nurse Register;
- To provide a learning environment in which student Veterinary Nurses can take responsibility for their learning, and thus enable them to develop to their full potential;
- To provide student Veterinary Nurses with the opportunities to develop a range of practical, personal and supervisory skills whilst gaining the underpinning academic knowledge required to work in veterinary practice;
- To introduce students to research and development opportunities allied to the veterinary profession;
- To facilitate access to higher degree level studies;
- To provide a qualified workforce for the veterinary profession.

The broad aims of the Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing are to:

- Produce a critical thinking practitioner with extensive knowledge, who can contribute to the standing of the Veterinary Nursing profession through subject specific preparation to Foundation (Science) Degree level;
- Produce Veterinary Nurses with a wider range of skills, enabling them to work in a variety of roles within Veterinary practice;
- Demonstrate knowledge of anatomy and physiology of small animal, exotic and equine species;

The broad aims of the Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing are to:

- Produce a critical thinking practitioner with extensive knowledge, who can contribute to the standing of the Veterinary Nursing profession through subject specific preparation to Bachelor of Science Degree level;
- Produce Veterinary Nurses with a wider range of skills, enabling them to work in a variety of roles within Veterinary practice;
- Demonstrate knowledge of anatomy and physiology of small animal, exotic and equine species;
- Produce a graduate veterinary nurse who is equipped with the necessary research skills to progress evidence based veterinary nursing.

24. Overall Programme Level Learning Outcomes - the programme offers opportunities for students to achieve and demonstrate the following learning outcomes.

Students who are unable to complete the full course may be awarded the Certificate in HE Animal Welfare and Care providing they meet the requirements in the Assessment and Award Regulations. The broad outcomes of this exit award are:

Modules in which each learning outcome will be
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interact with colleagues, clients, patients and members of the multi-disciplinary team; 	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a range of skills providing basic care for small animals, exotics and equine. 	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2
At the end of the FdSc VN Degree programme, the student is able to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the professional, ethical and moral responsibilities of Veterinary Nurses; 	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2 The Professional Veterinary Nurse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate an extensive and integrated knowledge and understanding of veterinary nursing; 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct research in a relevant area of clinical practice. 	Academic & Professional Development 3 The Professional Veterinary Nurse Research Methods Final Year Project Electives in a specialist area
25. Teaching/learning methods	Approximate total number of hours
Lectures / Seminars	15 - 18 hours per week
Practical Classes	1-2 hours per week
Clinical Rotations / Placement	Minimum 1800 hours

Tutorials

