Full Time Veterinary Nursing Programme
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing
(RCVS Approved)

Is this course for you?
This course is ideal for those who:
- Would like to achieve the professional qualification in veterinary nursing
- Want to work in a veterinary practice
- Want to work with a range of animal species in a broad range of clinical environments

What qualifications do you need?
Students need to have five GCSEs (Grade A-C) or five SQA Standard Grades (Band 1,2 or 3) or equivalent including English Language, Mathematics and a Science subject (other equivalences may be considered). Students must also be able to demonstrate that they have completed a minimum of two weeks work experience in a veterinary practice before commencing the programme.

How long will it take?
Students will be required to attend college for blocks of theory training combined with blocks of practice placement during which they will gain hands on experience of veterinary nursing over a period of 28 months.

What will you study?
The syllabus covers a wide range of topics which veterinary nurses encounter during their working week, for example:
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Essential Veterinary Nursing Skills
- Anaesthesia
- Radiography
- Laboratory Techniques
- Pharmacology
- Bandaging Techniques
- Theatre Practice and Surgical Nursing
- Health and Safety

How will you be assessed?
Assessment will be by a combination of written and practical examinations which are nationally set by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). Students will also complete an online ‘Nursing Progress Log’ within the workplace.

What will you gain?
On completion of the course and successfully completing the externally set examinations and Nursing Progress Log, students will be awarded with the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing qualification. Students will then be eligible to enter the RCVS Veterinary Nursing Register and use the post nominal letters RVN after their name.

Where is the course held?
This programme is run from The College of Animal Welfare’s Huntingdon, Leeds and Edinburgh centres. Home based practice placements may be requested by those students not normally resident near to the centre of their choice.

Accommodation
The College does not offer accommodation although can assist students in sourcing local accommodation where necessary.

How much does the course cost?
Students aged 16-18 years
No course fees are payable to students in England although students will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of £50 (Year One) and £95 (Year Two) plus awarding body fees directly payable to the RCVS (www.rcvs.org.uk). Please note, funding support is not available for students studying in Scotland, therefore course fees will apply as follows:

Students aged 19 years +
Year One - £1345 + £50 non-refundable deposit + awarding body fees
Year Two - £1475 + £95 non-refundable deposit + awarding body fees

Progression
Successful candidates may have the opportunity of progressing onto the Top Up programme of the BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing Qualification.

I am interested. How do I apply?
For further information or to enrol on the course please contact the College on 0844 372 9410.