Diploma in Professional Studies Veterinary Nursing/ Equine Veterinary Nursing

UCAS Code:  D31C13 (Veterinary Nursing) / D31D13 (Equine Veterinary Nursing)

**Award on completion of programme:** Diploma in Professional Studies Veterinary Nursing/Equine Veterinary Nursing

**Professional body accreditation:** The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

**Location of study:** University Centre Hartpury. Students will be employed in a RCVS approved veterinary training practice in the UK.

**Length of programme:** Two years full time.

**Language of the programme:** This programme is taught in English.

**Entry Requirements:**

**General:** A minimum of 5 GCSE A* to C, (or 9 to 4 where numeric grades are being awarded), including English Language, Mathematics and a Science

**A-levels:** Typical offer is CC or equivalent. This must include A Level Biology and excludes General Studies.

**Vocational Award:** Typical offer is a MPP in an Extended Diploma or equivalent in a biological science subject

**International Baccalaureate:** We welcome students with the International Baccalaureate Diploma qualification. Offers will be based upon the constituent components to include a grade 3 at higher level biological science. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

**Access:** We welcome students with Access qualifications. Certain programmes require a pass at level 3 in specific units. Please contact the admissions team for more information.

**Mature and international applicants:** Mature and international applicants are welcomed. Mature applicants that are not applying for a programme straight from formal education will be expected to demonstrate suitability for the course.

In the case of international applications, we will require a NARIC equivalency certificate. An IELTS level 7.0 English qualification is expected for international applicants without a GCSE Grade C or above (or 9 to 4 where numeric grades are being awarded) in English Language.

**Additional requirements:** Must have gained full time paid employment (minimum of 35 hours a week) in a RCVS approved veterinary training practice and have support from your employer (usually in the form of a reference).

If you have completed learning towards a university level qualification, perhaps at another institution or with a professional body or have relevant work experience then you may be able to gain credit for this and/or enter the course at a later point than standard year one entry. For further information please contact our Admissions team, who will be pleased to help you.
Personalised offers will be made to each applicant based on their own merits. Non-academic and academic achievement will be considered.

**Timetables:** There is one 2018 start date for all students on the programme and it is in September 2018. This programme is taught over two semesters, normally consisting of 12 weeks of scheduled teaching and then assessment weeks. The academic calendar can be found at: [link]. Timetables are normally available during registration. Please note that while we make every effort to ensure that timetables are as student-friendly as possible, scheduled teaching can take place at any time between 8:30 to 20:30

**Programme Composition:** This programme comprises of different modules, which focus on specific subjects. Our teaching is informed by research, and modules change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline. These changes are informed by both industry and student consultation.

On completion and passing of these modules you gain academic credit that accumulates towards your award. The marks you gain for these modules may contribute towards your overall award mark and outcome. The modules contain mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement. Students will have one full day of lectures, seminars and practicals at Hartpury per week. In addition, students are expected to complete between three and five hours of blended learning during their working week. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

**Compulsory Modules**

**Year 1:**
- Anatomy for Veterinary Nurses
  - Learn the structure and functions of the major body systems for a range of species
- Animal Husbandry for Veterinary Nurses
  - Discuss legislation, housing, nutrition, handling and health of animals
- Academic Skills for Veterinary Nurses
  - Develop academic skills and explore the principles of research in the veterinary nursing field
- Introduction to Clinical Skills
  - Develop practical veterinary nursing skills in a clinical setting
- Diagnostics for Veterinary Nurses
  - Learn how to prepare diagnostics tests
- Patient Care for Veterinary Nurses
  - Discuss the medical nursing requirements of patients

**Year 2:**
- Pharmacy Management for Veterinary Nurses
  - Learn about different types of medications and their administration
- Clinical Skills for Veterinary Nurses
  - Develop practical veterinary nursing skills in a clinical setting
- Anaesthesia Practice for Veterinary Nurse
  - Understand the principles of veterinary anaesthesia and anaesthetic equipment maintenance
- Surgical Veterinary Nursing
  - Understand the principles of operating theatres, instrument care
- Equine Veterinary Nursing or Small Animal Veterinary Nursing
  - Investigate the specific veterinary nursing needs of either equine or small animal patients

**Assessment Method:** You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and coursework. Many of the modules will be marked based on a mixture of assessment types, whilst others will be based solely on one type of assessment.

**Discounts and special support associated with enrolling on the programme:** Hartpury also subsidises optional short courses for a reduced cost that give students the opportunity to gain relevant experience and qualifications prior to graduation. These are in addition to the discounts Hartpury usually offers to its students, such as free Wi-Fi on site, which can be found at [https://www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-extra/](https://www.nus.org.uk/en/nus-extra/) There is lots of support available to you whilst you study including allocation of a personal academic tutor that you will meet for 1:1 sessions and other services detailed at...
Costs associated with the programme: The cost of the programme will be £9250 per year for UK and EU students subject to government approval. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by OFFA. Students will be enrolled with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as Student Veterinary Nurses.

For more information on the admissions policy, please visit: http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/media/2170/higher-education-admissions-policy.pdf

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