

Programme Specification Foundation Degree Veterinary Nursing

& BSc Veterinary Nursing

1. Awarding institution	The Royal Veterinary College
2. Teaching institution	The Royal Veterinary College (University of London)
3. Programme accredited by	The Royal Veterinary College (University of London) & Approval to deliver the FdSc Veterinary Nursing course has been granted by The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
4. Final award	Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing or BSc Veterinary Nursing
5. Programme Title	Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing (FdSc VN) or BSc Veterinary Nursing (BSc VN)
6. Date of First Intake	September 2004 (FdSc VN), September 2008 (BSc VN)
7. Frequency of Intake	Annually in September
8. Duration and Mode(s)	9

At the end of the

Nervous System
Special senses
Blood & Circulatory System
Cardio-Respiratory System
Digestive System
Urinary system
Endocrine System
Reproductive system
Genetics & Embryology

Pathophysiology and disease of the following systems:

Cells & Tissues
Body fluids
Musculo- Skeletal Integument
Nervous System
Special senses
Blood & Circulatory System
Cardio-Respiratory System
Digestive System
Urinary system
Endocrine System
Reproductive system
Clinically relevant comparative aspects of anatomy and physiology

Year 2

Emergency & Critical Care Nursing / Anaesthesia

Fluid Therapy
Monitoring the critical patient
Intensive nursing techniques
Triage and CPR
Monitoring
Equipment including monitoring equipment
Drugs & pain management
Emergencies
Anaesthesia of different species

Year 2

Diagnostic Techniques

Laboratory Health & Safety & equipment
Diagnostic test methods
Parasitology
Applied Microbiology
Taking radiographs, positioning
Developing & processing
Contrast techniques
Other techniques: MRI, CT
Ultrasonography
Radiography of different species
Endoscopy

Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing (Years One, Two & Three)

& BSc Veterinary Nursing (All Years)

Year One (FHEQ Level 4)

Professional Development & Clinical Skills I	20 credits
Clinical Nursing Practice I	25 credits
Clinical Nursing Practice II	25 credits
Veterinary Nursing Applied Science I	25 credits
Veterinary Nursing Applied Science II	25 credits

Year Two (FHEQ Level 5)

Professional Development & Clinical Skills II	20 credits
Anaesthesia/Emergency and Critical Care	25 credits
Diagnostic Techniques	25 credits

Year Three (FHEQ Level 5)

Professional Development & Clinical Skills III	20 credits
Applied Nursing Care	25 credits
Professional Practice	25 credits

Total Credits 240 credits

Year Four (FHEQ Level 6)

Advanced Practice Toolkit	(L6) 15
Research Methods	(L6) 30
Final Year Project	(L6) 60
15 Credits from Elective Module	(L6) 15

Total Credits (All) 360

Elective Modules

Emergency and Critical Care Nursing incorporating Fluid Therapy	(L6) 15
Surgical Nursing incorporating Wound Management	(L6) 15
Medical Nursing	(L6) 15
Pathology	(L6) 15
Teaching and Assessment	(L6) 15

20. Work Placement Requirements

A minimum of 1800 hours during the first 3 years

ASSESSMENT