

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. Applies to cohort commencing in:	2023
2. Degree Granting Body	University of London
3. Awarding institution	The Royal Veterinary College
4. Teaching institution	The Royal Veterinary College
5. Programme accredited by	Interim award of FdSc Veterinary Nursing only is accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
6. Name and title	Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing pathway (FdSc VN) or BSc Veterinary Nursing pathway (BSc VN)
7. Intermediate Awards and Subsidiary Award(s)	BSc VN; Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing. ; Certificate in Higher Education, Animal Welfare and Care.
8. Course Management Team	Sarah Batt-Williams (Course Director)

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:

- x RCVS Day One skills for Veterinary Nurses
- x RCVS Day One competencies for Veterinary Nurses
- x RCVS Accrediting Veterinary Nursing Qualifications
- x 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

x Interact with colleagues, clients, patients and members of the multi-disciplinary team;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3
x 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:	
x 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
x Demonstrate an extensive and integrated knowledge and understanding of veterinary nursing;	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2 Understanding Disease
x Demonstrate critical understanding of veterinary nursing practice through applying a wide range of nursing skills;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2
x Apply relevant technology in veterinary practice;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Veterinary Anaesthesia Theatre Practice Emergency & Critical Care Diagnostic Techniques
x Understand the judgements employed by Veterinary Nurses and other professional colleagues;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Veterinary Anaesthesia Theatre Practice Emergency & Critical Care Diagnostic Techniques The Professional Veterinary Nurse
x Solve practical work problems in an effective manner;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2 Veterinary Anaesthesia Theatre Practice Emergency & Critical Care Diagnostic Techniques
x Demonstrate an awareness of current issues relating to veterinary practice;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 The Professional Veterinary Nurse

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31. Assessment

The Assessment and Award Regulations can be found <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures>

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1.0	Course Director	