

**1. Applies to cohort commencing in:** April 2025

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| <b>4. Teaching institution</b>    | The Royal Veterinary College  |
| <b>5. Programme accredited by</b> | The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)                     |
| <b>6. Name and title</b>          | Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (PGCertAVN) |
| <b>7. Intermediate Awards</b>     | N/A   |
| <b>8. Course Code</b>             | 265.92 586.0  |

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|  | May 2021 (April 2023 for Medical Nursing designation pathway) |
| <b>11. Frequency of Intake</b>           | Annually in April   |
| <b>12. Duration and Mode(s) of Study</b> | 12 months - 24 months part-time online/distance learning      |
| <b>13. Registration Period</b>           |   |

Successfully complete the Contemporary Study Skills bridging short-course (unless given permitted exemption).

**English language requirements:**

All applicants must have achieved at least a Grade 4/C in GCSE English Language or have an acceptable alternative English Language qualification.

Please see our [English Language Requirements](#) page for a list of qualifications we accept as alternatives to GCSE. If you have taken an IELTS, the requirements are as follows:

IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or above with minimum 6.0 in each component

Applicants who have not achieved the required standard at the point of application may be made an offer that is conditional upon achieving it.

**International Applicants:**

International applicants must hold a recognised accredited overseas equivalent professional qualification.

If you hold an international qualification but are practising as a Veterinary Nurse in the UK you must have RCVS registration.

Please contact our Admissions Team for further information and to check the equivalency of your professional qualification.

**Candidates also applying for and enrolling with the RCVS CertAVN must meet the specific requirements as set out by the RCVS, to include:**

Be on the current RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses.

Have evidence of sufficient CPD from the point of entry onto the RCVS Register for Veterinary Nurses (in line with the RCVS requirements) prior to registration for the RCVS CertAVN.

During studies, be employed in, or have agreed access to placement in, a suitable professional environment, tailored to their area of focussed study.

Before commencing studies, enrol with the RCVS specifying the accredited university or awarding organisation where they plan to undertake their studies and the title of the qualification.

Registration for the RCVS CertAVN will be valid for up to five years.

Further information: [www.rcvs.org.uk](http://www.rcvs.org.uk)

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| <b>19. UCAS code</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>20. HECoS Code</b>  | 100532   |
| <b>21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark</b>  | The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Subject Benchmark Statements for Veterinary Nursing |
| <b>22. Other External Reference Points</b>   |  |
| <p>QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education. Part A: Setting and Maintaining Academic Standards. The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies. October 2014. <a href="https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/qualifications-frameworks.pdf?sfvrsn=170af781_16">https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/qualifications-frameworks.pdf?sfvrsn=170af781_16</a> [Accessed June 2019].</p> <p>RCVS Post Registration Qualification Framework for Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (May 2019)</p> <p>Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966)</p> <p>RCVS Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses 2019</p> <p>Subject Benchmark Statement Veterinary Nursing (2019) <a href="https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-veterinary-nursing.pdf?sfvrsn=def3c881_6">https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-veterinary-nursing.pdf?sfvrsn=def3c881_6</a></p> |  |

### **23. Aims of programme**

#### **Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Level 7)**

The overall aim of the **Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing** is to enhance the **professional development** of the Registered Veterinary Nurse and to:

- Provide learners with a sound understanding of the concepts and principles underpinning advanced veterinary nursing practice and enable them to apply those principles more widely within the clinical context, to provide creative solutions in veterinary nursing care.
- Provide a learning environment to enable learners to apply advanced analytical and decision-making skills to reach sound judgements and to be able to communicate these effectively.

**Level 7**



**26. Assessment methods**

| <b>Module Title</b>                                 | <b>Credit Value</b> | <b>Assessment Activity Type</b>          | <b>Assessment Size</b> | <b>Weighting</b> | <b>Assessment Credit</b> |
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| Bridging Module<br><b>Contemporary Study Skills</b> | 15                  | Written Assignment<br>Written Assignment | 1500 words             | 50%              | 7.5                      |

