

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. Applies to cohort commencing in:	2025
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)	<i>Intermediate award for BSc VN</i> ; Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing. <i>Subsidiary award</i> , 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

22. Other External Reference Points

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), documents of interest:

- RCVS Day One skills for Veterinary Nurses
- RCVS Day One competencies for Veterinary Nurses
- RCVS Professional behaviours and attributes
- RCVS Veterinary Nursing Fitness to practice
- RCVS Accrediting Veterinary Nursing Qualifications
- 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 Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Veterinary Nurse Register;
- To provide a learning environment in which student Veterinary Nurses can take responsibility for their learning, and thus enable them to develop to their full potential;
- To provide student Veterinary Nurses with the opportunities to develop a range of practical, personal and supervisory skills whilst gaining the underpinning academic knowledge required to work in veterinary practice;
- To introduce students to research and development opportunities allied to the veterinary profession.

Interact with colleagues, clients, patients and members of the multi-disciplinary team;

Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3

Demonstrate a range of skills providing basic care for small animals, exotics and equine.

Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1
Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2

Conduct research in a relevant area of clinical practice.	Academic & Professional Development 3 The Professional Veterinary Nurse Research Methods Final Year Project Electives in a specialist area
25. Teaching/learning methods	Approximate total number of hours
Lectures / Seminars	15 - 18 hours per week
Practical Classes	1-2 hours per week
Clinical Rotations / Placement	Minimum 1800 hours
Tutorials	Minimum of one personal tutor meeting per module
Directed Learning Sessions	3-5 hours per week
26. Assessment methods	Percentage of total assessment load (estimate)
Course work	FdSc (44%) BSc (45%)
Examinations	FdSc (22%) BSc (23%)
Oral presentations	FdSc (17%) BSc (16%)
Practical assessment	FdSc (13%) BSc (10%)
Supervisors mark	BSc (3%)
27. Feedback	
<p>Feedback is provided throughout the course to enable development of key academic and professional skills and help learners identify where they need to improve. Individually, students may receive feedback on formative activities, summative assignments, during lectures and seminars, taught practical sessions, practical assessments (formative OSCEs), and via the tutor group discussion forum, and via peer review during placement.</p> <p>Feedback to the group is provided via module reviews (in response to student evaluation), Course Management Committee meetings (in response to student queries) and from 'You said we did' posts.</p>	
28. Programme structures and requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards	

Year / Term	Module Title	Level	Credits
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BSc only Year 4, Term 2	Elective BSc ECC (CertAVN)	6	30	Elective
	Elective BSc Anaesthesia (CertAVN)	6	30	Elective
	Elective BSc Medicine (CerAVN)	6	30	Elective
29. Work Placement Requirements or Opportunities		<p>Students are required to complete 1800hrs in an RCVS approved training veterinary practice during years 1, 2 and 3 of the BSc and FdSc Veterinary Nursing.</p> <p>It is the FdSc Veterinary Nursing that is accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and permits registration with the RCVS as a veterinary nurse.</p>		
30. Student Support		http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students		
31. Assessment		<p>The Assessment and Award Regulations can be found https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures</p>		