

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