Veterinary Nursing Level 3

This course would suit you if you are keen to learn all areas of veterinary nursing including anatomy & physiology, general nursing & communication, medicines, surgery & support, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging.

What will I study?
All areas of veterinary nursing including anatomy & physiology, general nursing & communication, medicines, surgery & support, anaesthesia and diagnostic imaging.

What units are covered?
The Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing comprises a Core and either Small Animal or Equine Option Pathway as follows:

**Core Units:**
- Understanding the operational requirements of a veterinary practice
- Professional relationships and communication for veterinary nursing practice
- Comparative functional anatomy for veterinary nursing practice
- Applied animal welfare, health and husbandry for veterinary nurses
- Infection control in veterinary practice
- Understanding the essentials of veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals
- Essentials of practical veterinary nursing care for hospitalised animals
- Supporting the supply of veterinary medicines
- Veterinary nursing support of diagnostic imaging
- Veterinary nursing support of laboratory diagnostics
- Supporting veterinary operating theatre practice
- Principles of supporting veterinary anaesthesia
- Preparing for professional registration

**Small Animal Option Pathway:**
- Practical monitoring of small animal veterinary anaesthesia
- Principles of peri-operative veterinary nursing support for small animals
- Practical peri-operative veterinary nursing support for small animals
- Principles of veterinary nursing support for sick small animals
- Practical veterinary nursing support of sick small animals
- Principles of small animal veterinary nursing emergency and critical care
**Equine Option Pathway:**
- Principles of peri-operative veterinary nursing support for horses
- Principles of veterinary nursing support for equine patients
- Principles of equine veterinary nursing emergency and critical care
- Principles of equine neonatal care
- Practical peri-operative veterinary nursing support for horses
- Practical veterinary nursing support of equine patients

**What qualifications (will I get)?**
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**How will I be assessed?**
Students will complete a series of assessments as part of the programme. Externally set examinations are completed at the end of each year, including a number of practical assessments in the final year. In addition, the employer will provide the student veterinary nurse with a Clinical Coach in the work place to support assessment of the occupational standards.

**What are the entry requirements?**
Minimum qualifications: Five GCSE grades at C or above to include English Language, Science, Mathematics plus two others (or equivalent).

**Students must have secured employment within a vets for a minimum of 4 days per week**

**What is the entry process?**
This is a unique qualification in that it requires you to have a job in a veterinary practice before you are eligible to undertake the training. DART will arrange for you to have an interview/initial assessment - please bring a copy of your GCSE certificates or equivalents if you have already secured a job. Unfortunately we are unable to help you find a placement.

**What else do I need to know?**
The City and Guilds course is a 2 year, 2 term part time college course; college attendance will be one day per week. At least four days per week will be spent in a veterinary practice.

**What can I do after this training course?**
Career opportunities include Small Animal Veterinary Nursing, specialising in nutritional advice, consultations, surgical or medical nursing, practice management etc. Other routes may include working in related areas such as sales representatives, charity shelter management or teaching.

Part time (distance learning) study leading to the Foundation/BSc(Hons) Degree in Veterinary Nursing or Nursing Diplomas may be undertaken whilst maintaining your position in veterinary practice.

**Got a question about this course?**
* Apprentices are employees of a company and will receive a wage. Companies employing apprentices under 19yrs do not pay a fee. For apprentices aged 19+ a contribution from the employer is required. Please contact 01332 794910 for more fee information.

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