

## PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

<b>1. Applies to cohort commencing in:</b>	2020
<b>2. Degree Granting Body</b>	University of London
<b>3. Awarding institution</b>	The Royal Veterinary College
<b>4. Teaching institution</b>	The Royal Veterinary College
<b>5. Programme accredited by</b>	Interim award of FdSc Veterinary Nursing only is accredited by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
<b>6. Name and title</b>	Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing pathway (FdSc VN) or BSc Veterinary Nursing pathway (BSc VN)
<b>7. Intermediate Awards and Subsidiary Award(s)</b>	<i>Intermediate award for BSc VN; Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing. Subsidiary award; C3 632.18 0.9 243.6 46 reW*nBT/F</i>

<b>20. HECoS Code</b>	100532(FdSc VN), 100532 BSc VN)
<b>21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark</b>	QAA subject benchmark for Veterinary Nursing Oct 2019 Available from; ( <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> )
<b>22. Other External Reference Points</b>	

Documents which have informed this programme include:

RCVS Day One skills for Veterinary Nurses (<http://www.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/rcvs-day-one-skills-for-veterinary-nurses/>)

RCVS Day One competencies (

<http://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/i-want-to-be-a-veterinary-nurse/>)

Awarding Organisation Higher Education Institution Handbook

(<http://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/approving-veterinary-nursing-qualifications/>)

This course meets the requirements as outlined in the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Veterinary

Nurse Registration Rules 2017 ([https://www.rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/advice-and-](https://www.rcvs.org.uk/setting-standards/advice-and-guidance/veterinary.42469.7115.03reW*nBT/F310Tf100182.775638.95Tm0.01f.310Tf10012)

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Demonstrate knowledge of the basic care and animal husbandry of a range of small animal, exotic and equine species as required for veterinary practice;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2
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
<b>At the end of the FdSc VN Degree programme, the student is able to:</b>	
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
Demonstrate an extensive and integrated knowledge and understanding of veterinary nursing;	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1 Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2 Understanding Disease
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
Apply relevant technology in veterinary practice;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 Veterinary Anaesthesia Theatre Practice Emergency & Critical Care Diagnostic Techniques
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
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
Demonstrate an awareness of current issues relating to veterinary practice;	Academic & Professional Development 1,2,3 The Professional Veterinary Nurse

Plan and manage their own work.

Oral presentations	9%
Practical assessment	11%


### 27. Feedback

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.

Feedback to the group is provided via module reviews (in response to student evaluation), Course

### 28. Programme structures and requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards

	Module Title	FHEQ Level	Credits	Compulsory or optional
Year 1, Term 1,2,3	Academic & Professional Development 1	4	30	Compulsory
Year 1, Term 1	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 1	4	30	Compulsory
Year 1, Term 2	Applied Animal Health & Welfare 2	4	30	Compulsory
Year 2, Term 2,3	Academic & Professional Development 2	5	15	Compulsory
Year 2, Term 2	Diagnostic Techniques	5	30	Compulsory
	Understanding Disease	5	15	Compulsory
	Theatre Practice	5	15	Compulsory
Year 2, Term 3	Emergency & Critical Care	5	15	Compulsory
	Veterinary Anaesthesia	5	15	Compulsory



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