Royal Veterinary College
University of London

1. Applies to cohort commencing in:	April 2023
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	The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
6. Name and title	Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (PGCertAVN)
7. Intermediate Awards	N/A
8. Course Management Team	Perdi Welsh (Course Director) Lyn O'Byrne (Co Deputy Course Director) Niamh Clancy (Co Deputy Course Director)
9. FHEQ Level of Final Award	Level 7
10. Date of First Intake	May 2021 (April 2023 for Medical Nursing designation pathway)
11. Frequency of Intake	Annually in April
12. Duration and Mode(s) of Study	12 months - 24 months part-time online/distance learning

13. Registration Period (must be in line with the General Regulations for Study and Award)	Full Time		Part Time	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
	N/A	N/A	Months	Months
			12	24

14. Timing of Examination Board meetings	Annually August & October
15. Date of Last Periodic Review	N/A
16. Date of Next Periodic Review	2027 - 2028
17. Language of study and assessment	English
18. Entry Requirements	Are on the current RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses (or hold a recognised accredited overseas equivalent professional qualification/status). And hold: • BSc Veterinary Nursing or • RVC Graduate Diploma or • Other FHEQ level 6 qualification Are employed in, or have agreed access to placement in, a suitable professional environment, tailored to their area of focussed study. Have the support of their employing/supervising veterinary practice, who will be required to allow time and access for training.

| | 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 |

19. UCAS code	N/A
20. HECoS Code	100532
21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark	The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Subject Benchmark Statements for Veterinary Nursing

22. Other External Reference P   oints

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. https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/quality-code/qualifications-frameworks.pdf?sfvrsn=170af781_16 [Accessed June 2019].

RCVS Post Registration Qualification Framework for Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (May 2019)

Veterinary Surgeons Act (1966)

RCVS Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses 2019

Subject Benchmark Statement Veterinary Nursing (2019) https://www.qaa.ac.uk/docs/qaa/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-veterinary-nursing.pdf?sfvrsn=def3c881_6

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.

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26. Assessment methods						
Module Title	Credit Value	Assessment Activity Type	Assessment Size	Weighting	Assessment Credit
Bridging Module Contemporary Study Skills	15	Written Assignment	1500 words	50%	7.5
		Written Assignment	1500 words	50%	7.5
Core Modules:						