

Higher Education accredited veterinary nursing licence to practise qualifications

The following organisations offer Higher Education qualifications that are accredited by the RCVS as a “licence to practise” in veterinary nursing, and which entitle holders to enter the RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses.

No other higher education qualification or course, regardless of its title, leads to qualification as a veterinary nurse, or eligibility to enter the RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses. Should you be in any doubt as to the status of a qualification please contact us for advice.

The list of further education qualifications can be found in the “Training routes” section on the following page: <https://animalowners.rcvs.org.uk/veterinary-careers/i-want-to-be-a-veterinary-nurse/>

Classification of Accreditations

Provisional accreditation is granted for Accredited Education Institutions (AEIs) with new qualifications that have made substantial progress towards meeting the accreditation standards. Once the first cohort of students completes the qualification, the Veterinary Nurse Education Committee (VNEC) will be presented with all Quality Monitoring (QM) reports undertaken and consider the AEI for full accreditation. Students undertaking provisionally accredited qualifications may be required to pass the RCVS pre-registration examinations. Provisional accreditation will not normally be extended for more than two years, following the first cohort’s completion. Provisionally accredited programmes are automatically deemed to be high-risk and will be audited accordingly.

Full accreditation for 5 years is given to qualifications that meet, or exceed, all the accreditation standards. Where a Provisionally Accredited programme has been awarded Full Accreditation, this will be for the remainder of the 5-year cycle. The RCVS will undertake a full programme review before the end of the agreed accreditation period.

Full accreditation for a shorter period is applied where deficiencies are identified in an existing programme; accreditation will be subject to the deficiencies being addressed within a set period. The RCVS will undertake a full programme review before the end of the agreed accreditation period.

Probationary accreditation is applied where a fully accredited programme is deficient in its resources or procedures and has failed to meet the RCVS Standards. Students may be required to pass the RCVS pre-registration examinations, as well as all qualification requirements, in order to be deemed competent in the RCVS Day One Competences and Skills. This will be at the discretion of VNEC and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Terminal accreditation is instigated where a programme is significantly non-compliant with the standards and has been unable to address the concerns within a timely manner. Students completing a programme which is assigned terminal accreditation may be required to pass the RCVS pre-registration examinations, as well as all qualification requirements. VNEC will communicate additional conditions to the AEI as required, depending on the rationale for the decision being taken. The programme will move into an exit strategy and specific details and evidence will be requested by the Veterinary Nursing Department to maintain oversight whilst the final students complete the programme. The provision is quality monitored in accordance with a high-risk provider.

Voluntary Terminal Accreditation is applied where a programme has chosen to cease provision; students may be required to pass the RCVS pre-registration examinations dependent upon the rationale for the programme closure. Students are still required to complete all qualification requirements. The programme will move into an exit strategy and specific details and evidence will be requested by the Veterinary Nursing Department to maintain oversight whilst the final students complete the programme.

HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

| Awarding university | Qualifications offered | Where delivered | Contact details | Accreditation status |
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| <p>Aberystwyth University</p> <p>Penglais Campus Aberystwyth Ceredigion SY23 3DA</p> <p>Web: https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three-year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Aberystwyth University</p> <p>Penglais Campus Aberystwyth Ceredigion SY23 3DA</p> | <p>Tel:</p> <p>Email:</p> | <p>Provisional Accreditation</p> |
| <p>Anglia Ruskin University</p> <p>Cambridge Campus East Road Cambridge CB1 1PT</p> <p>Web: https://aru.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing with Applied Animal Behaviour (Three year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with Applied Animal Behaviour (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>University Centre West Anglia</p> <p>Landbeach Road Milton Cambridge CB4 6DB</p> | <p>Tel: 01223 860701</p> <p>Email: answers@anglia.ac.uk</p> | <p>Terminal Accreditation</p> |
| <p>Coventry University</p> <p>Priory Street Coventry CV1 5FB</p> <p>Web: http://www.coventry.ac.uk/</p> | <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Warwickshire College (Moreton Morrell Campus)</p> <p>Moreton Morrell Warwick CV 35 9BL</p> | <p>Tel: 01926 318000</p> <p>Web: http://www.warwickshire.ac.uk/</p> <p>Email: enquiries@warkscol.ac.uk</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Warwickshire College (Pershore Campus)</p> <p>Avonbank Pershore Worcestershire WR10 3JP</p> | <p>Tel: 01995 640611</p> <p>Email: enquiries@warkscol.ac.uk</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |

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| <p>Edinburgh Napier University</p> <p>Craiglockhart Campus Edinburgh EH14 1DU</p> <p>Web: http://www.napier.ac.uk/</p> | <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>The College of Animal Welfare (Edinburgh Campus) 9 South Gyle Crescent Edinburgh EH12 9EB</p> | <p>Tel: 0844 372 9405 Email: admin@caw.ac.uk</p> | <p>Voluntary Terminal Accreditation - no longer enrolling students</p> |
| <p>Harper Adams University</p> <p>Newport Shropshire TF10 8NB</p> <p>Web: www.harper-adams.ac.uk</p> | <p>BSc Veterinary Nursing (Four year programme) BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Four year programme)</p> <p>BSc Veterinary Nursing with Companion Animal Behaviour (Four year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with Companion Animal Behaviour (Four year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc Veterinary Nursing with Small Animal Rehabilitation (Four year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with Small Animal Rehabilitation (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Harper Adams University Newport Shropshire TF10 8NB</p> | <p>Tel: 01952 820280 Web: http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>Hartpury University</p> <p>Hartpury University Hartpury Gloucester GL19 3BE</p> <p>Web: www.hartpury.ac.uk</p> | <p>BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with integrated placement year (Four year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Equine Veterinary Nursing with integrated placement year (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Hartpury University Hartpury Gloucester GL19 3BE</p> | <p>Tel: 01452 702345 Web: http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/ Email: enquiries@warkscol.ac.uk</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |

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| | <p>BSc Veterinary Nursing with integrated placement year (Three year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc Equine Veterinary Nursing with integrated placement year (Three year full-time programme)</p> <p>Diploma in Professional Studies in Veterinary Nursing</p> <p>Diploma in Professional Studies in Equine Veterinary Nursing</p> | | | |
| <p>Middlesex University</p> <p>The Burroughs London NW4 4BT</p> <p>Web: http://www.mdx.ac.uk/</p> | <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing with Foundation Year (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>The College of Animal Welfare The Burroughs Hendon NW4 4BT</p> | <p>Tel: 01707 244095 Web: http://www.caw.ac.uk/ Email: admin@caw.ac.uk</p> | Full Accreditation |
| | | <p>The College of Animal Welfare Headland House Chord Business Park London Road Godmanchester Cambridgeshire PE29 2BQ</p> | <p>Tel: 01480 422060 Web: http://www.caw.ac.uk/ Email: admin@caw.ac.uk</p> | Full Accreditation |
| | | <p>The College of Animal Welfare Topcliffe Close Capitol Park Tingley Leeds West Yorkshire WF3 1DR</p> | <p>Tel: 0113 322 8048 Web: http://www.caw.ac.uk/ Email: admin@caw.ac.uk</p> | Full Accreditation |

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| <p>Nottingham Trent University</p> <p>Burton Street Nottingham NG1 4BU</p> <p>Web: http://www.ntu.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Nottingham Trent University Brackenhurst campus Southwell Nottinghamshire NG25 0QF</p> | <p>Tel: 0163 681 7000 Web: http://www.ntu.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>Oxford Brookes University</p> <p>Faculty of Health and Life Sciences Jack Straws Lane Oxford OX3 0FL</p> <p>Web: http://www.brookes.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Solihull College Solihull College Blossomfield Campus Blossomfield Road Solihull B91 1SB</p> | <p>Tel: 0121 678 7069 Web: http://www.solihull.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Terminal Accreditation</p> |
| <p>Royal Agricultural University</p> <p>Stroud Road Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6JS</p> <p>Web: http://www.rau.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Askham Bryan College Askham Fields Lane York YO23 3FR</p> | <p>Tel: 01904 772224 Web: http://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Voluntary Terminal Accreditation - no longer enrolling students</p> |
| | | <p>Plumpton College Ditchling Road Plumpton Nr Lewes East Sussex BN7 3AE</p> | <p>Tel: 01273 890454 Web: http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Voluntary Terminal Accreditation - no longer enrolling students</p> |

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| <p>University of Bristol</p> <p>Senate House Tyndall Avenue Bristol BS8 1TH</p> <p>Web: http://www.bristol.ac.uk/</p> | <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science (Four year full-time programme)</p> <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>University of Bristol School of Veterinary Science</p> <p>Langford House Langford Bristol BS18 8LJ</p> | <p>Tel: 0117 9289517 Web: http://www.bris.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>University Centre Askham Bryan</p> <p>Askham Bryan College Askham Fields Lane Askham Bryan York YO23 3FR</p> <p>Web: https://aru.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Askham Bryan College</p> <p>Askham Fields Lane Askham Bryan York YO23 3FR</p> | <p>Tel: 01904 772277 Email: enquiries@askham-bryan.ac.uk</p> | <p>Provisional Accreditation</p> |
| <p>University of Central Lancashire</p> <p>Preston Lancashire PR1 2HE</p> <p>Web: http://www.uclan.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Myerscough School of Veterinary Nursing</p> <p>Myerscough College Bilsborrow Preston PR3 0RY</p> | <p>Tel: 01995 640611 Web: http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |

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| <p>University of Chester</p> <p>Parkgate Road Campus Chester Cheshire CH1 4BJ</p> <p>Web: https://www1.chester.ac.uk/</p> | <p>BSc(Hons) Veterinary Nursing (Four year full-time programme)</p> | <p>University Centre Reaseheath Nantwich CW5 6DF</p> | <p>Tel: 01270 613284 Email: enquiries@reaseheath.ac.uk Web: http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>University of Glasgow</p> <p>Main Building Glasgow G12 8QQ</p> <p>Web: http://www.gla.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Scottish BSc in Veterinary Nursing (SQF Level 9) (Three year full- time programme)</p> | <p>Scotland's Rural University College Barony Campus Parkgate Dumfries DG1 3NE</p> | <p>Tel: 01270 613284 Email: baronyadmin@sruc.ac.uk Web: http://www.sruc.ac.uk/barony</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| | <p>Scottish BSc (Hons) in Veterinary Nursing (SQF Level 9) (Four year full- time programme)</p> | <p>Scotland's Rural University College Aberdeen Campus Craibstone Estate Aberdeen AB21 9YA</p> | <p>Tel: 0800 269453 Email: FacultyofficeAberdeen@sruc.ac.uk Web: http://www.sruc.ac.uk/barony</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>University of Greenwich</p> <p>Old Royal Naval College Park Row London SE10 9LS</p> <p>Web: http://www.gre.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Plumpton College Ditchling Road Plumpton Nr Lewes East Sussex BN7 3AE</p> | <p>Tel: 01273 890454 Web: http://www.plumpton.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Provisional Accreditation</p> |

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| <p>University of London</p> <p>Senate House Malet Street Bloomsbury London WC1E 7HU</p> <p>Web: http://www.london.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc in Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>The Royal Veterinary College Hawkshead Lane North Mymms Hertfordshire AL9 7TA</p> | <p>Tel: 01707 666 660 Web: http://www.rvc.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>University of Plymouth</p> <p>Drake Circus Plymouth Devon PL4 8AA</p> <p>Web: http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Duchy College Rosewarne Camborne Cornwall TR14 0AB</p> | <p>Tel: 01209 722100 Web: http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Voluntary Terminal Accreditation - no longer enrolling students</p> |
| <p>University of Portsmouth</p> <p>Winston Churchill Avenue Portsmouth Hampshire PO1 2UP</p> <p>Web: http://www.port.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc in Veterinary Nursing Science (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Sparsholt College Winchester Hampshire SO21 2NF</p> | <p>Tel: 01962 797213 Email: courses@sparsholt.ac.uk Web: http://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |

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| <p>University of South Wales</p> <p>Trefforest South Wales CF37 1DL</p> <p>Web: http://www.southwales.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Foundation Degree in Veterinary Nursing (Three year programme)</p> | <p>Coleg Gwent The Rhadyr Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1XJ</p> | <p>Tel: 01495 333777 Web: http://www.colegwent.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |
| <p>Wrexham University</p> <p>Glyndwr University Northop Campus Holywell Road, Northop, Mold CH7 6AA</p> <p>Web: http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/</p> | <p>FdSc Veterinary Nursing (Three year full-time programme)</p> | <p>Wrexham University Mold Road Wrexham LL11 2AW</p> | <p>Tel: 01978 290666 Email: enquiries@glyndwr.ac.uk Web: http://www.glyndwr.ac.uk/</p> | <p>Full Accreditation</p> |