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VETERINARY NURSING COURSE GUIDE 2021/22

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DID YOU KNOW THAT STUDENTS STUDYING VETERINARY NURSING AT WUC ACHIEVE ABOVE AVERAGE IN FINAL EXAMS WHEN COMPARED TO CITY & GUILDS NATIONAL AVERAGE

READY FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Did you know that 51% of UK homes own a pet - including 9.5 million dogs, 11 million cats, and 1.5 million rabbits? The veterinary industry needs dedicated nurses who are committed to looking after and improving the health and welfare of our much-loved companions.

To study Veterinary Nursing at WUC, you will be interested in animals, biological sciences, anatomy and physiology. You will be good at problem-solving and be prepared to uphold a position of responsibility in a complex and high-pressured environment.

Study Veterinary Nursing at WUC and you will become a registered professional with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and be licensed to practice as a qualified Veterinary Nurse.

You may go on to specialise in a variety of veterinary practices including surgery, exotic animals, nutrition, or emergency, and critical care, or could find employment in related industries including animal nutrition, pharmaceuticals, research and teaching.

We hope this guide gives you all the information you need, but please do not hesitate to contact our admissions team if you have any questions about applying to study here, want an update on the status of your application, or have a query about what you need to do next.

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DURATION:
STUDY MODE - PART-TIME
FEBRUARY STARTS - YEAR 1 TUESDAY / YEAR 2 THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER STARTS - YEAR 1 THURSDAY/ YEAR 2 TUESDAY

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN VETERINARY NURSING

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is a work-based qualification; to apply you must already be employed as a student veterinary nurse in an approved training practice. There, you'll complete 1,800 practical hours and will attend WUC one day a week.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Written and practical assessments set by VetSkill must be passed during the course. Additionally the College set written assignments and examinations must be completed successfully. In addition all students will complete a Online Portfolio of Skills during their clinical placement that will be used as part of the assessment process. Once all elements of the course are complete the student will be able to register as a Veterinary Nurse.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
28TH JANUARY 2020 FOR FEBRUARY 2020 START
13TH AUGUST 2020 FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 START

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 or A*-C**
- **Must include English, Maths and Science**
- **In order to meet the criteria for this course, it is a requirement for students to have secured a position of paid employment as a Trainee Veterinary Nurse within an approved Veterinary Training Practice and we cannot make an offer for the course until we have this information**

AREAS OF STUDY

The course follows the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing and covers the following units:

- **Professional Veterinary Nursing Responsibilities**
- **Diagnostic Principles**
- **Principles of Veterinary Nursing Care**
- **Pharmacology and Dispensary Management**
- **Practical Veterinary Nursing Skills**
- **Anaesthesia and Theatre Nursing Skills**
- **Life Stage Nursing Care and Support**
- **Principles of Veterinary Nursing Care**
- **Surgical Nursing and Patient Care**
- **Practical Veterinary Nursing Skills 2.**

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RCVS Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Please note:
The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons will accept certain alternative qualifications. For further information, please contact the Veterinary Nursing department.

"Before starting this course I definitely underappreciated the vital work of Veterinary Nurses and the level of training they have to complete to gain the knowledge and skills required in this sector, which is constantly changing and improving to ensure high standards of care."

Emma Ruggles
Former Veterinary Nursing student

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name: Vanessa Seager

Currently: Level 3 Veterinary Nurse student

Vanessa said: "Writtle has made me feel at home and my tutors are so easy to talk to. I really enjoy applying the theory element to practical's in my course. Despite being a mature student, I have never felt out of place with my classmates. My plans for the future are to continue my career as a student Veterinary Nurse, hoping to become an RVN this year!"