



Grad Cert Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)

Duration	2 years (part time)
Start date	September 2021 (subject to recruiting minimum numbers)
Accredited by	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
Location	Harper Adams University campus (and location of work placement)*

Application deadline: July 31st, 2022

This certificate will allow nurses to develop and advance their skills to enable them to become reflective practitioners and implement evidence-based improvements to deliver support and nursing care to patients undergoing surgical procedures.

It will also develop surgical techniques for procedures falling within the remit of schedule three.

The development of the new RCVS post-registration framework has allowed for the creation of accessible, flexible and focused areas of study, allowing veterinary nurses to further their academic skills alongside their professional skills.

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Entry requirements

You must be a Registered Veterinary Nurse. Typically, applicants with a registerable qualification from a Further Education background will enrol on the Graduate Certificate. Typically, applicants with a Higher Education (degree) background will enrol on the [Postgraduate Certificate](#). The most appropriate qualification for individual applicants will be considered depending on their individual profile. You will also need time, energy and commitment.

A-level entry requirements

- **Entry requirements for 2022 entry are not currently available. Please contact Admissions for advice**

Accreditation



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Teaching and learning

* During the Covid-19 Pandemic the University is delivering blended learning. Government guidance is

being constantly reviewed to establish the learning events which can be delivered face to face. Please refer to our [frequently asked questions](#) for further details.

What will I study?

Year 1		Year 2	
Evidence Based Nursing (A5030C17)	15	Graduate Musculoskeletal Surgery and Nursing Support (A6032C17)	15
Graduate Cutaneous System and Special Senses Surgery and Nursing Support (A6030C17)	15	Graduate Thoracic and Abdominal Surgery and Nursing Support (A6036C17)	15

Evidence Based Nursing

Year of study 1
Code A5030C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Susan Howarth](#)

This module encourages students to develop transferable research skills, including analysis, problem-solving, and communication. These skills will aid the student to gain an appreciation of research and the ability to access information from a variety of sources. Students will acquire the skills to be able to evaluate literature and to apply relevant and valid research to their current practice.

Graduate Cutaneous System and Special Senses Surgery and Nursing Support

Year of study 1
Code A6030C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Linzi Nuttall](#)

Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVN's) play a crucial role in the care of animals undergoing surgery within veterinary practice throughout the perioperative, intraoperative and postoperative period. Schedule three amendment of the Veterinary Surgeons Acts also allows for the RVN to undertake minor procedures under the Veterinary Surgeon's direction. Focusing on surgery of the cutaneous system and the special senses, this module aims to further develop underpinning knowledge and allow for the specialist nursing care for companion animals undergoing these procedures as well recognising the limitation of schedule three nursing.

Graduate Musculoskeletal Surgery and Nursing Support

Year of study 2
Code A6032C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Linzi Nuttall](#)

With the advancements continually being made in Veterinary Medicine it is important that the Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) is familiar with surgical procedures performed on the musculoskeletal system. This module is intended to provide grounding in the understanding of the principles of musculoskeletal surgery and knowledge of the specialist nursing care for companion animals undergoing these procedures. This allowing for the RVN to deliver high standards of care throughout the animal hospitalisation period and with the home environment.

Graduate Thoracic and Abdominal Surgery and Nursing Support

Year of study 2
Code A6036C17
Credits 15
Core/option Core
Module contact [Jane Thomas](#)

An important role of the Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) in practice is that of surgical nursing. The RVN will be expected to prepare for and support and assist the Veterinary Surgeon with surgical procedures as well as caring for the patient throughout the duration of their care.

This module is intended to provide grounding in the understanding of surgical principles of thoracic and abdominal Surgery, along with knowledge of the specialist nursing care for companion animals undergoing such procedures.