



MSci Veterinary Physiotherapy

Duration Four years

Start date September 2027

Location [Harper Adams University campus](#) (and location of external clinical rotations)

This will be a new programme for 2027 entry, replacing the existing BSc(Hons) Veterinary Physiotherapy programme.

Why Veterinary Physiotherapy?

Within the Veterinary profession the use of physiotherapy from highly skilled and clinically experienced Veterinary Physiotherapists to aid the recovery and wellbeing of our animals is on the increase

Physiotherapy following veterinary referral can help animals recover from a variety of conditions such as back pain, sprains, strains, fractures and sporting injuries. It can also be used following orthopaedic, neurological or general surgery, as well as improve biomechanics and athletic ability.

As a Veterinary Physiotherapist, you will play a vital role in improving the lives of animals whilst forging strong bonds with animals and their owners.

The course

This course will allow you to qualify as Veterinary Physiotherapist in general practice, or with a specialism in the treatment of horses or dogs, depending on your chosen pathway in the final year of study. As such your end qualification will be one of:

- MSci Veterinary Physiotherapy with Advanced General Practice
- MSci Veterinary Physiotherapy with Advanced Equine Practice
- MSci Veterinary Physiotherapy with Advanced Canine Practice

An integrated Masters programme, the course will take you from Level Four right through to Level Seven (postgraduate) over four years, leaving you with advanced physiotherapy skills and knowledge, as well as training you to become a competent business professional, potentially running your own therapeutic practice.

Your studies will cover veterinary patient behaviour, veterinary physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, animal management, anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, musculoskeletal conditions, rehabilitative conditioning and exercise, research skills, business and management practice, pain management, and modules specific to your chosen field of specialism.

Your learning experience

As a student you will undertake in a fulfilling journey, during which you will grow and develop the necessary skills to be an integral part of the veterinary profession, working autonomously under veterinary referral or in a variety of business settings from freelance to referral hospitals.

Our supportive team and carefully structured course will help you consolidate your learning.

Periods of in-house and external clinical rotation enable you to meet the requirements and clinical hours necessary for professional registration, whilst boosting your confidence and allowing you to succeed.

Whilst academically challenging, the course has a huge practical component, with specialist teaching and authentic assessment throughout. You will be taken on a learning journey from first principles through to full evidenced-based practice. You will discover the importance of clinical reasoning and will be supported in the development of skills to research and apply new knowledge as you continually improve your competences

Clinical teaching is delivered in small groups by our team of qualified veterinary physiotherapists and veterinary surgeons, in first-class facilities, with dedicated clinical areas. As you progress, you will become increasingly involved in running, shaping, and driving our on-site small animal clinic and ambulatory equine service, complemented by the external clinical rotations throughout your course. This will open future career prospects and provide you with the tools needed to enter the real world confidently and competently.

Careers

Veterinary physiotherapists work alongside veterinary surgeons and nurses within vet practices and hospitals in the treatment of animals. A number of physiotherapists work closely with the equine sports industry within racing or other sporting disciplines. Others work independently, setting up their own businesses working with horse and dog owners.

A-level entry requirements

- **Entry requirements for 2027 entry are not currently available. Please contact Admissions for advice**