Welcome to

Diploma Higher Education Clinical Veterinary Nursing (Dip HE CVN)
RCVS Diploma Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Dip AVN)
Dip HE CVN / Dip AVN

- Started in 2007
- First college to offer the Dip HE CVN and Dip AVN (Small Animal and Equine)
- Most successful college with approximately 140 graduates to date
- 100% success rate
Dip HE CVN / Dip AVN

- Very experienced teaching team
- Highly qualified teaching team
- Excellent clinical facilities and teaching accommodation in the purpose-built Veterinary Nursing Centre
- Excellent student support
Dip HE CVN / Dip AVN

‘When I qualified as a veterinary nurse I still felt I had a lot to learn. After being in practice for two years I decided to apply for the Advanced Diploma in Veterinary Nursing. I feel it was the best decision I have made in my career.

Not only has it given me a better and more in depth clinical knowledge, it has made me realise how dynamic and important the role of a veterinary nurse is.’

Leanne Jones, Dip AVN (SA), Dip HE CVN, RVN
Snr Ward Manager Rutland House Referrals
Dip HE CVN / Dip AVN

‘I studied for the HE diploma course with Myerscough College from 2007 to 2009. I had always wanted to further my veterinary nursing knowledge and this course not only provided thorough and comprehensive course content, but it also allowed me to develop my research skills as well as an ability to understand and plan my own study.

The online presentation of the course provided easy access to well structured lessons and with additional help and support from the tutors and fellow students combined with study weekends at Myerscough itself enabled a good all around approach to learning.

There is no doubt that gaining this qualification brings respect and recognition within the Veterinary profession and will leave you feeling highly motivated and more confident in providing advanced nursing care to patients.’

Amy Stephens, Dip AVN (SA), Dip HE CVN, RVN
Snr Nurse, Kentdale Orthopaedic Referrals
The Diploma Veterinary Nursing Team

• Head of Veterinary Nursing:
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The Diploma Teaching Team

• **Course Tutor:**
  – Claire Bloor

• **Module Tutors:**
  – Lorraine Allan MA Ed BVSc MRCVS PGCE
  – Claire Bloor MA Ed, BSc (Hons) VN, RVN, PGCE, QTLS, Cert VN (Dent)
  – Lynne Kerrigan MA Ed, Cert Ed, RVN
  – Helen Clarke BVSc, MRCVS, Cert Ed
  – Kirsty Edgley BSc (Hons) CVN, Dip AVN (Small Animal), Dip HE CVN, RVN
  – Kate Lomas BSc (Hons) CVN, Dip AVN (Equine) Dip HE CVN REVN RVN A1 PTTLS
  – Catherine Trickett BVSc BSc (Hons) MRCVS
  – Kathy Kissick MA Ed RVN Cert Ed

Soon to be joining us…
Laura Hayes
BSc (Hons) CVN, Dip AVN (Surgical), Dip AVN (Medical), RVN.
Dip HE CVN: Entry Criteria

• Qualified veterinary nurse

• Registered on RCVS SA or EQ register
  – https://www.rcvs.org.uk/registration/check-the-register/

• Minimum 1 year post-qualification experience taken from the date of first registration:
  – Accredits you with 120 credits at HE Level 4
Dip HE CVN: Practice Standards

- Be employed or have access to a suitable veterinary clinical environment for a minimum of 12 weeks per annum for the duration of the course
  - RCVS PSS Tier 2 at least
  - Training Practice Standard
  - Referral practice or University hospital

- A letter of support from employer is required confirming the status of the practice / case load / acknowledgement of your participation in the course
# Dip HE CVN: Course Structure

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** Core Diploma modules  
** Optional Diploma modules – three of the five option modules to be taken  
* Note: module content will be focused on either dogs and cats OR horses, depending upon the student’s elected pathway

## Progression Route

- **Integrative Project *(20 Credits)* VN3006**  
  - This module is a stand alone module that can only be undertaken on completion of the Diploma HE Clinical Veterinary Nursing  
  - Can progress on to BSc (Hons) Clinical Veterinary Nursing top-up degree
Dip HE CVN: Course Delivery

- Blended Delivery:
  - Online weekly delivery of session booklets via Canvas
  - **Compulsory** attendance at study weekends and induction days

- Teaching strategies:
  - Lectures
  - Power-point presentations
  - Practical sessions
  - Group work / discussions
  - Guest speakers
  - Interactive Canvas resources / webinars
Dip HE CVN: Study Periods

Year 1

• Induction Study Days:
  – 6th – 7th September 2016

• Study Weekends:
  – 29th & 30th October 2016
  – 14th & 15th January 2017
  – 25th & 26th March 2017

• Exam week = w/c 24th April 2017
• Resit exam week = w/c 19th June 2017

• 9am on Saturdays till 5pm Sunday afternoon

The dates for 2017/18 academic year will closely mirror these dates. You will be emailed the exact dates once they have been finalised.
Dip HE CVN: Study Periods

• Core lectures by teaching team

• Specialist lectures by external guest speakers (discipline specialties)

• Study/library time

• Practical time (Year 2): supervised and un-supervised access to the practical facilities

• Course tutorials

• Personal tutorials by request
Dip HE CVN: Study Periods

• Accommodation:

  – Unfortunately on-site accommodation cannot be guaranteed during the study weekends as there are other (full-time) students in residency

  – However…

  – Accommodation may be occasionally available on-site and students are advised to contact the College and speak to Shirley Tate directly prior to the study weekends to check
Local Accommodation

Guys Thatched Hamlet

Premier Inn, Garstang Road

Olde Duncombe House
Dip HE CVN: Study Resources

• On campus library access at weekends till 5pm
  – Saturdays and Sundays till 5pm

• Off campus on-line library access
  – Journals & Books
  – [https://www.uclan.ac.uk/students/study/library/electronic_resources.php](https://www.uclan.ac.uk/students/study/library/electronic_resources.php)

• HE Building computer study room available till 11pm at weekends, and later on request!
Dip HE CVN: Fees

- **Myerscough:**
  - Enrolment fee £10
  - Cost per module £900
  - There are no additional fees for the study weekends or examinations (bar your accommodation)
  - Various payment options are available
    - Student funding
    - Student & practice funding
    - Practice funding all
    - HE part-time student [loan](http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/fees-and-finance/he-fees-and-finance/)

Please check the Myerscough College website regularly for fee updates:

http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/students/fees-and-finance/he-fees-and-finance/
CPD Bursaries

• Available for BVNA members
  – BVNA Educational Bursary
    • £500
  – Kennel Club Charitable Trust Bursary
    • £3000
    • Applications by May time each year
    • Information for 2017 bursaries will be on their website in January
Dip HE CVN: Assessment Strategies

• Each module has its own assessment methods including:
  – Written examination
  – Assignment
  – Practical examinations in year 2

• Each assessment must be passed independently
  – Minimum pass mark = 40%
Dip HE CVN: Student Support

• Students receive excellent support through:

  – The Course Tutor
  – Personal Tutor
  – Module Tutor
  – Academic Student Support
  – Canvas / eLearning Team
  – The CORE
Progression

• The Dip HE CVN qualification (2 years) facilitates the attainment of the Dip AVN qualification (Small Animal or Equine)

• Dip AVN is a distinct post-qualification award made by the RCVS within a HE framework:
  – Dip HE CVN: 120 HE credits @ level 5 over 2 years
  – Dip AVN: 20 HE credits @ level 6 over 1 semester

• Both the Dip HE CVN and Dip AVN are enrolled on separately
To Attain Dip AVN Qualification

• Must be registered on the course by the RCVS
  – We facilitate this in your second year of the Dip HE CVN

• Successfully complete the 2 year Dip HE CVN

• Successfully complete the Integrative Project level 6 module (VN3006)

• The award of Dip AVN is at the discretion of the RCVS
Dip HE CVN: Fees

- **RCVS: Dip AVN**
  - Integrative project fee (additional module in semester 1 of year 3) £600***
  - RCVS Initial indexing fee £64 (2016)
  - Examination fee £166 (2016)
  - Annual retention fee of around £40 (2016) (Check RCVS website for annual updates)

- ***see earlier slide re: potential UCLan module fees
Dip AVN: Integrative Project

- 4000 word literature review on a veterinary nursing topic of your choice

- 30 minute VIVA with your supervisor and RCVS examiner:
  - At College
  - Via Skype
Thank you for your attention...

...please read the Enquiry and Application document you have been emailed for more details

Have you any questions?

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