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# Myerscough School of Veterinary Nursing

***So you want to be a HE  
Veterinary Nurse???***



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# The Veterinary Nursing Teaching and Placement Officer Team



# Myerscough Veterinary Nursing Team

- **Head of Area:**

- Claire Bloor MA Ed BSc (Hons) RVN PGCE QTLS Cert VN (Dent)

- **Assistant Head of Higher Education:**

- Rebecca Gillett BA (Hons) RVN Cert Ed

## **Placement Officers (and Year 2 Course Tutors):**

- Andrea O'Rourke BSc (Hons) CVN RVN CTLLS D32/33 V1
- Leanne Stagg BSc (Hons) AS RVN IQA PTLLS
- Samara Hill FdSc RVN IQA PTLLS
- Victoria Leggett BSc (Hons) RVN IQA
- Tracy Maffitt MSc Vet.Phys, Cert Ed, V1, RVN



# VN Teaching Team

- Claire Bloor MA Ed BSc (Hons) VN RVN PGCE QTLS Cert VN (Dent)
- Lynne Kerrigan MA Ed RVN Cert Ed
- Rebecca Gillett BA Hons RVN Cert Ed (Course Tutor – Yr 1)
- Helen Clarke BVSc MRCVS Cert Ed
- Catherine Trickett BVSc BSc (Hons) MRCVS PGCE (Course Tutor – Yr 3)
- Rachael Shepherd RVN Cert Ed
- Amie Grey RVN
- Charlotte Dobson BSc (Hons) RVN
- Kirsty Edgley BSc (Hons) CVN Dip AVN (Small Animal) Dip HE CVN RVN PGCE
- Donna France RVN A1
- Catherine Long RVN
- Karla Butterworth RVN Cert VN (Dent)



# The Veterinary Nursing Higher Education Courses Entry Criteria



# HE Veterinary Nursing Courses

- FdSc Veterinary Nursing
  - 3 years
  - Full-time

...then you could progress onto...

- BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing
  - Top-up
  - 2 years part-time (blended learning)



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# Entry Criteria

- Two equally important criteria that must be satisfied:
  - Academic requirements
  - Work experience requirements

# Academic Entry Criteria

- FdSc VN – Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) requirements:
  - **5 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above to include:**
    - English Language
    - 2 science subjects (one of which **must** be maths)
    - Plus 2 other subjects
  - Equivalents are acceptable at the discretion of the RCVS, such as Functional Skills Level 2 qualifications instead of English Language and Maths
  - Some Level 3 qualifications will cover English Language and Science GCSEs
  - If you are unsure about any equivalencies, please contact the admissions team at Myerscough College



# Academic Entry Criteria

- FdSc VN – UCLan requirements:
  - **In addition** to the GCSEs, any of the following either separately or in combination to give a minimum points yield of **56** UCAS points:
    - 2 A Level (A2) passes which **must include** a biological science at a minimum grade C
    - BTEC / C&G Level 3 Diploma in an **animal / science-based course** (*including a **distinction** in a minimum of one biology-based unit\*\*\**)
    - NVQ Level 3 in a relevant discipline
    - Any equivalent qualification from other countries (see next slide).
    - Alternative equivalent qualifications will also be considered positively

**\*\*\*Please email [HE@Myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:HE@Myerscough.ac.uk) to check which units within your qualification will be sufficient to meet this entry criterion.**





# Academic Entry Criteria

- FdSc VN – UCLan requirements:
  - Qualifications from outside of England:
    - 2 Scottish Highers at grade C or above (including Biology @ C / Distinction)
    - 3 Irish Highers at grade C or above (including Biology @ C / Distinction)
    - International Baccalaureate at 24 points (including Biology @ C / Distinction)
  - Please note:
    - AS Levels, BTEC / C&G Subsidiary or 90-credit Diplomas and Scottish Intermediate 2s qualifications can contribute towards the entry requirements, but are **not sufficient** for entry on their own
    - Applicants with non-UK qualifications are advised to contact the RCVS to confirm their eligibility to enrol
    - Where English is a second language, IELTS at level 7 or equivalent is required

# Work Experience Requirements



- **In addition**, but viewed equally importantly, the student must demonstrate a sound knowledge base of the role of a veterinary nurse by supplying **evidence of**:
  - a minimum **20 days of current experience in a UK small animal veterinary practice**
  - 20 days is equivalent to **160 hours**
- ‘Current’ is defined in this instance as **within 2 years** of the proposed start date of the course with the majority of the experience being within the last twelve months.
- Please note that experience in a cattery, kennels, pet shop or similar, although useful experience, **will not** satisfy this requirement.

**\*\*\*Deadline for submission of work experience evidence is 5pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Email to: [HE@Myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:HE@Myerscough.ac.uk)**

# Gain experience within a small animal veterinary practice



*Do you **really** know what being a Veterinary Nurse involves?*





# The FdSc Veterinary Nursing Course Placements



# Course Placements

- Placements must be within an RCVS Approved Training Practice (TP).
- You will need a CC to support you with the NPL skills completion.
- A list of TPs in your area can be found on the RCVS website:

<http://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/i-want-to-be-a-veterinary-nurse/approved-training-practices/>





# Course Placements

Although lots of help and advice will be given by the Placement Officers, it is ultimately **your responsibility** to secure yourself a training practice in which to complete your placement hours.

- Do you want a placement near to home, with accommodation or are you prepared to travel? Cost?
- You will be visited by your allocated Placement Officer, and they will monitor your NPL progress remotely.

**\*\*\*For advice and guidance on veterinary practice placements please email  
Andrea O'Rourke: [aorourke@Myerscough.ac.uk](mailto:aorourke@Myerscough.ac.uk)**



# Ask yourself, is this the career for me?



If you are convinced that Veterinary Nursing is the right career choice for you, try your best to secure yourself a placement for the course.

# Course Structure and Progression



# FdSc Course Structure

## Year One

*12 weeks in veterinary practice placement...25% NPL complete by end of your second placement.*



- Form and Function
- Anatomy, Physiology and Preventative Healthcare
- Applied Animal Health and Welfare
- Veterinary Nursing In-patient Care
- Personal, Professional Development and Employability Skills
- Veterinary Pharmacology



# FdSc Course Structure

## A typical day / week in College (Yr 1):

You are in  
College  
Monday to  
Friday.

- **Morning lesson: 9.30am – 12.30pm**
  - Typically a core theory sessions interspersed with tasks and quizzes to apply your knowledge and check your learning progress regularly.
- **Afternoon lesson: 1.30pm – 3.30pm (2 – 4pm on 1 day of the week)**
  - Typically workshop-type sessions which enable you to apply your knowledge and test yourself on different aspects of a core theory session topic to consolidate your learning with a tutor around to advise and guide you.
- **Course Tutorials:**
  - One hour per week timetabled. All together for updates from Course Tutor / sessions with the Placement Officers – aim to develop your academic and employability skills
- **Personal Tutorials:**
  - One timetabled tutorial per block in College with 1 Placement Officer and 1 tutor – discuss your academic, personal and professional development / progress
- Cohort splits: the cohort is split into 2 groups (AM) and 4 groups (PM)

# FdSc Course Structure

80% NPL complete by the end of the placement.

## Year Two

- Full year in practice placement
  - 30 weeks in total
- September to May / June
- Visited by Placement Officers
- Continued work on Nursing Progress Log (NPL) supported by your Clinical Coach (CC)
- Mandatory theory work on VLE



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# FdSc Course Structure

## Year Three



- Anaesthesia and Diagnostic Imaging
- Medical and Critical Care Veterinary Nursing
- Peri-Operative Veterinary Nursing
- Preparing for Professional Practice
- Research Skills Project

*10 weeks in veterinary practice placement...*

*...100% NPL complete by the end of the first 7 week block placement...*

*...100% NPL & all amendments complete by the end of the 3 week block placement.*



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# FdSc Course Structure

## A typical day / week in College (Yr3):

You are in  
College  
Monday to  
Friday.

- **Morning lesson: usually 9.30am start – variable durations**
  - Typically a core theory sessions interspersed with tasks and quizzes to apply your knowledge and check your learning progress regularly.
- **Afternoon lesson: usually 1 – 1.30pm start – variable durations**
  - Typically workshop-type sessions which enable you to apply your knowledge and test yourself on different aspects of a core theory session topic to consolidate your learning with a tutor around to advise and guide you.
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  - One hour per week timetabled. All together for updates from Course Tutor / sessions with the Placement Officers – aim to prepare you for professional practice!
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  - One timetabled tutorial per block in College with 1 Placement Officer and 1 tutor – discuss your academic, personal and professional development / progress
- **Cohort splits:** the cohort is split into 2 groups (AM) and 4 or 6 groups (PM)



# VN Facilities



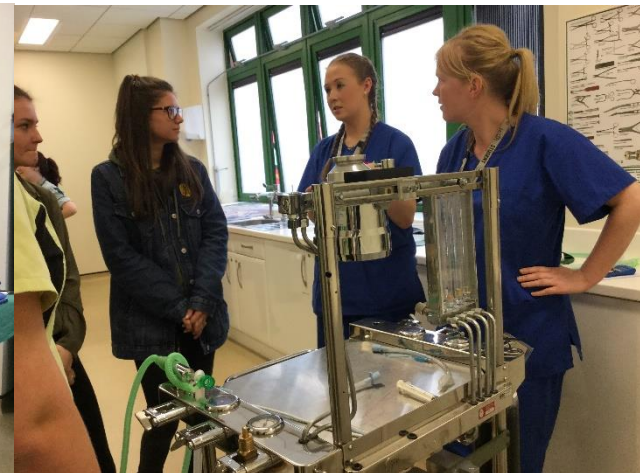
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This video is a quick walk around the clinical side of the VN building where all of the practical sessions take place



# Progression to BSc (Hons)

- Prospective students **must hold** an FdSc in Veterinary Nursing and have satisfied all the RCVS requirements to enrol as a Registered Veterinary Nurse
- Students must also produce evidence of successfully completing a research based module at level 5 to pass standard
  - Modules VN2037 Research Skills Project in year 3
- The course will be delivered part-time by blended learning, which will take 2 years.

# BSc (Hons) Course Structure

Part-time

Semester 1      Year 1      Semester 2      Semester 1      Year 2      Semester 2

Veterinary Nursing Support of Pain Management

Level 6  
1 Module (20 Credits)  
VN3013

Professional Practitioner Research Proposal

Level 6  
1 Module (20 Credits)  
VN3000

Dissertation

Level 6  
Double Module (40 Credits)  
VN3011

Critical Care Veterinary Nursing

Level 6  
1 Module (20 Credits)  
VN3010

Veterinary Nursing of Life Limiting Conditions

Level 6  
1 Module (20 Credits)  
VN3007



# Student Success



**A number of our HE graduates are currently:**

- Holding senior positions within both general & referral veterinary practice
- Teaching in colleges & universities
- Working in veterinary practice / teaching establishments overseas
- Working for pharmaceutical / nutrition / equipment companies
- Contributing articles to academic journals

*And some have come back for more, enrolling on our  
Advanced Veterinary Nursing qualifications!*



# Additional Course and College-Related Information

# Teaching & Assessment

## Teaching strategies

- Lectures / tutor-led presentations
- Practical sessions
- Rotationals
- Videos
- Group work
- Student-centred learning
- Guest lecturers

## Assessment strategies

- Written examinations\*
- Assignments\*
- Practical assessments
- OSCEs\*
- Oral presentations
- Vivas
- Nursing Progress Log\*

\*key assessment methods



# Accommodation & Support

## Accommodation

- On site accommodation is available
- You only pay for the blocks you are in College
- Accommodations team will be able to offer more information upon request
- See 'My Application' – few slides ahead

## Student Support

- Course Tutor
- Personal Tutor
- Placement Officers
- Pastoral care (The Core)
- Inclusive Learning
- UCLan WISER Study Support
- Clinical Coaches



# Student Finance

- Information regarding student loans is available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>



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# Additional Support / Benefits

- Additional benefits of being a Myerscough HE Student:
  - Gym membership
  - Scholarships
  - Bursaries
  - Book vouchers
  - Loyalty payments
- See the Myerscough Website for up-to-date information about these benefits...

<http://www.myerscough.ac.uk/my-application/degree-and-foundation-degree-full-time-applicants/he-at-myerscough/>



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# Hidden Extras

- RCVS Enrolment fee (yr1): £170 (approx.)
- RCVS Registration fee (yr3): £115 (approx.)
- Uniforms: £70 (approx.)
  - Other equipment available too (ordered in induction week)
- Human first aid course: £40 (approx.)
- Books: £120??
  - Depends which books you want!
  - [https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss\\_2?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=veterinary+nursing](https://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=veterinary+nursing)
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- Travel expenses to practice placement
  - Potentially accommodation costs



# My Application

You will be directed to the My Application section of the website in your offer or interview letter (it can be found in the “My Myerscough” Section).

It contains **important information** about every aspect of your application up to the point of your enrolment.

You should bookmark the page and visit it on a regular basis for updates and latest applicant news.

**General Information:** <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/my-application/degree-and-foundation-degree-full-time-applicants/>

**Vet Nurse Information:** <https://www.myerscough.ac.uk/my-application/degree-and-foundation-degree-full-time-applicants/he-area-pages/he-full-time-veterinary-nursing-post-application-information/>



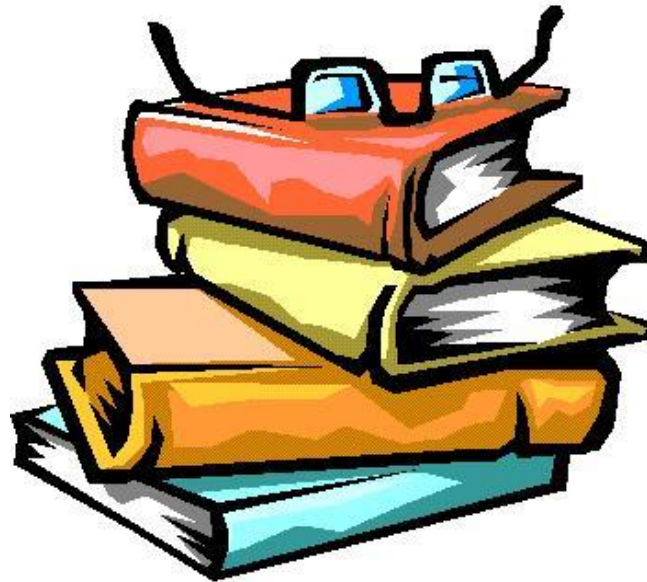




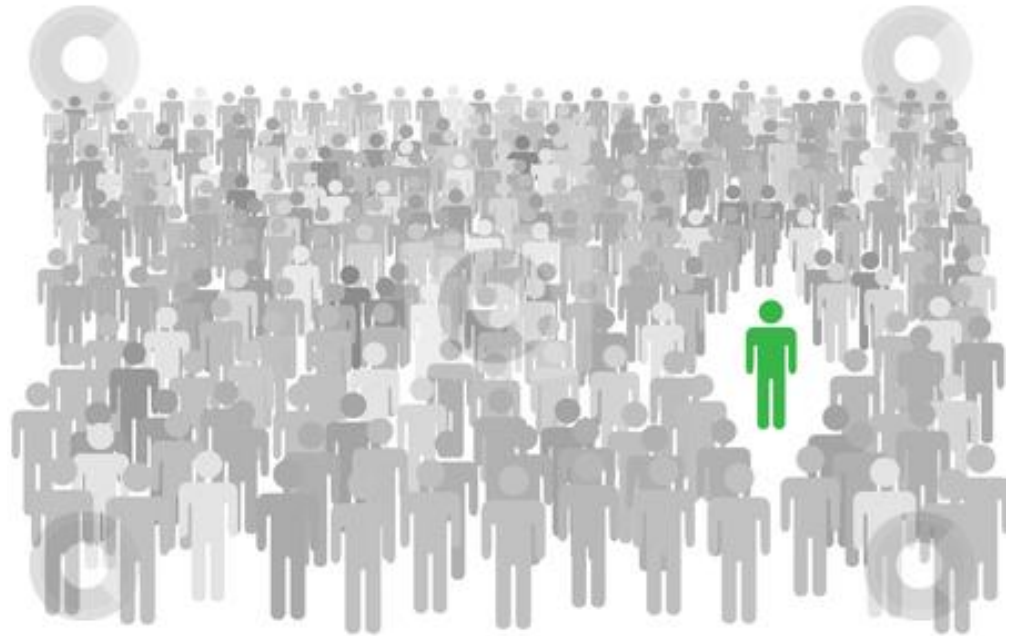
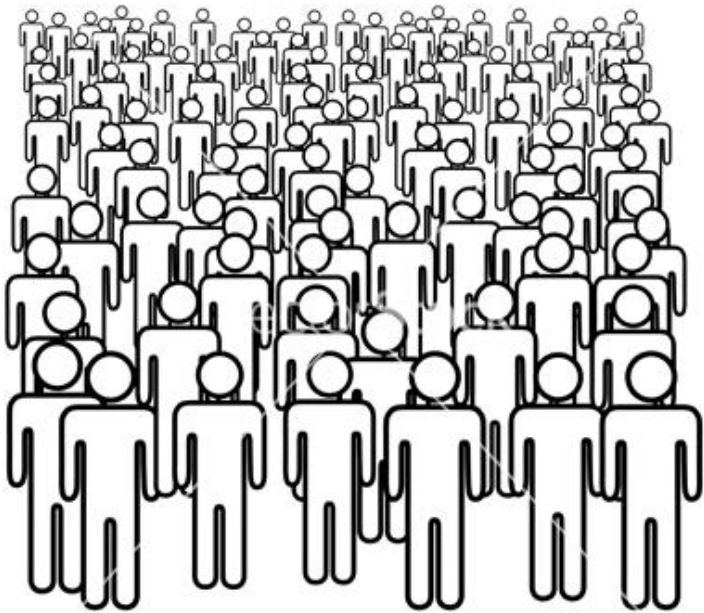
Good luck from the  
Myerscough VN Team

# Study hard!

You know what academic grades you are striving for!



# Competition is tough!



Average 3 – 4 applicants per place

# Success Rates

- **Exemplary achievement by students:**

- 97% achievement: FdSc VN
- 100% achievement: BSc (Hons) VN
- 100% achievement: Dip HE CVN
- 100% achievement: Dip AVN
- 100% achievement: BSc (Hons) CVN

100% of HE  
graduates into  
employment

- **Excellent feedback from students:**

- 90% agree staff are good at explaining things
- 90% staff have made the subject interesting
- 90% agree had opportunity to apply what was learnt

# Myerscough Veterinary Nurses – and proud of it!



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# The End

Thanks for your attention

Good luck with your  
examinations /  
remainder of your  
courses

We look forward to  
meeting you at one of  
the HE Applicant Days



# Questions

If you have any questions at all following this presentation, please do not hesitate to contact:

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