

WORKING WITH ANIMALS



ANIMAL CARE COURSES

Animal Care Diploma Level 1

Entry requirements: 3 GCSEs at Grade E or above
Course length: 1 year full time

Animal Care Diploma Level 2

Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs at Grade D or above OR
Animal Care Diploma Level 1
Adequate standard of English & Maths
Course length: 1 year full time

Animal Management Diploma Level 3

Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs at Grade A-C including English or Maths OR
Animal Diploma Level 2 qualification or a related subject plus an adequate
standard of English & Maths
Course length: 2 years full time

For full details and further courses visit: <http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/courses/animal-care/>

VETERINARY CARE COURSES

Veterinary Care Assistants Diploma Level 2

Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade D or above, including English, Maths & Science OR
Level 1 qualification in a related subject plus an adequate standard of English and
Maths
Course length: 1 year full time

Veterinary Nursing Apprenticeship Level 3

Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs Grade C or above which must include English Language, Maths and
a science subject
Course length: 30-36 months

For full details visit: <http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk/courses/veterinary-care/>

To become a Student Veterinary Nurse, you will need to find a placement at both a training practice and a training college. The above course involves working in practice with day release to college. You are required to complete an on-line nursing progress log and will be assigned a Clinical Coach from within the Veterinary Practice. There are also examinations at the end of each year.

The courses detailed above are available at South Staffs College. Their website address is <http://www.southstaffs.ac.uk> .

For details about apprenticeships visit <https://www.gov.uk/veterinary-nursing-apprenticeships>

Veterinary Nursing Degree

Entry requirements: Will vary between universities but generally a minimum 5 GCSES or equivalent at grade C, including English Language, Maths and a Science.
A2 biology grade C (or equivalent)
Two other subjects as A2 level (no more than one art/design subject)

Course length: 3 – 4 years including a 1-year work placement

There are numerous colleges and universities that run Veterinary Nursing courses including:

The College of Animal Welfare; <http://www.caw.ac.uk/courses/veterinary-nursing/>

Harper Adams University: <http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk>

Myerscough College: <http://www.myerscough.ac.uk>

Warwickshire College: <http://www.warwickshire.ac.uk>

Bristol University: <http://www.bristol.ac.uk>

Nottingham Trent University: <http://www.ntu.ac.uk>

Detailed information about the role of a Veterinary nurse can be found on the British Veterinary Nursing Association (BVNA) website at <http://www.bvna.org.uk/a-career-in-veterinary-nursing/a-career-in-veterinary-nursing>

Another website to visit is that of The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. The following pages may be of interest:

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/other-animal-careers/>

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/i-want-to-be-a-veterinary-nurse/>

A Career as a Veterinary Surgeon

Entry requirements: These will vary between universities but generally you will need an A level in Biology plus two more A levels ideally in Chemistry, Physics or Maths. The minimum grades required are two A's and a B, although some universities will ask for three A's.

Course length: 5-6 years.

For detailed information visit:

<https://www.rcvs.org.uk/education/i-want-to-be-a-vet/>

Universities offering under graduate courses include:

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge

University of Nottingham

University of Edinburgh

University of Glasgow

University of Liverpool

University of London