

Prifysgol Wreccsam Wrexham University

Module specification

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Module Code	VEN407
Module Title	Veterinary Nursing Clinical Placement 1
Level	4
Credit value	N/A
Faculty	Social and Life Sciences
HECoS Code	100532
Cost Code	GAAN
Pre-requisite module	N/A

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Core/Optional/Standalone
FdSc Veterinary Nursing	Core

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	24 hrs
Placement tutor support hours	0 hrs
Supervised learning hours e.g. practical classes, workshops	0 hrs
Project supervision hours	0 hrs
Active learning and teaching hours total	24 hrs
Placement hours	600 hrs
Guided independent study hours	0 hrs
Module duration (Total hours)	624 hrs

Module aims

This module provides students with supervised clinical experience within an approved veterinary practice environment, enabling them to apply theoretical knowledge to real veterinary nursing situations. The module supports the development of safe, effective and professional veterinary nursing practice through engagement in clinical activities, teamwork and reflective learning. Students will work towards achieving required clinical skills, practice hours and Nursing progress Log part completion, under appropriate supervision, supporting their progressive development towards the standards expected of a Registered Veterinary Nurse in line with the expectations of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Module Learning Outcomes

At the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Demonstrate engagement in supervised veterinary nursing practice through the completion of a minimum of 600 hours in an approved veterinary training practice.
2	Demonstrate progression towards veterinary nursing clinical competence through the completion of 30% of the Nursing Progress Log under appropriate clinical supervision.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

Assessment 1:

Students will submit evidence demonstrating completion of 30% of the Nursing Progress Log, documenting their developing clinical competence during supervised practice in an approved veterinary training practice. Portfolio entries must be verified by the designated clinical supervisor and your Clinical Placement Support Tutor, and demonstrate engagement with required competencies and reflective practice appropriate to the student's stage of training. This assessment is graded on a pass/fail basis.

Assessment 2:

Students must complete a minimum of 600 hours of supervised clinical practice within an approved veterinary training practice. Placement hours must be accurately recorded and verified by the clinical supervisor to confirm engagement in appropriate veterinary nursing activities. Completion of the required hours is necessary to demonstrate participation in clinical learning opportunities and is assessed on a pass/fail basis.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Duration/Word Count	Weighting (%)	Alternative assessment, if applicable
1	2	Portfolio	30% completion	Pass/Fail	N/A
2	1	Attendance	600hrs	Pass/fail	N/A

Derogations

Students are required to pass all assessment elements with a minimum mark of 40% for all modules.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

Students will participate in clinical skills sessions throughout Semesters 1 and 2 to support preparation for placement learning. The cohort will be divided into two groups, with each group attending sessions on alternate weeks across both semesters. These practical sessions will provide structured opportunities to develop and consolidate skills aligned with the RCVS Day One Skills and Competences. Teaching will utilise the University's clinical skills facilities, including the clinical suite, simulation models, and mannequins, enabling students to practise and refine clinical techniques in a safe and supportive environment prior to undertaking placement activities.

Practice placement under supervision of a RVN Clinical Supervisor. University support systems are mediated by the Clinical Placement Support Tutor.

Welsh Elements

Students can present their work, access forms, resources, email correspondence, work placements and personal tutorials in Welsh.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

Practice learning opportunities in an approved veterinary training practice, to meet the regulatory requirements set by the RCVS.

Indicative Bibliography

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential reading:

Aspinall, V. (2019) *Clinical procedures in veterinary nursing*. 4th edn. Edinburgh: Elsevier.

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) (no date) *RCVS day one skills and competencies for veterinary nurses*. Available at: <https://www.rcvs.org.uk> (Accessed: 18 March 2026).

Other indicative reading:

Ballantyne, H. (2018) *Veterinary nursing care plans*. Boca Raton: CRC Press.

Administrative Information

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