

Prifysgol Wreccsam Wrexham University

Module specification

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Module Code	VEN502
Module Title	Clinical Skills and Professional Practice
Level	5
Credit value	20
Faculty	FSLS
HECoS Code	100532
Cost Code	GAAN
Pre-requisite module	N/A

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Core/Optional/Standalone
Foundation degree (FdSc) Veterinary Nursing	Core

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	30 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	30 hrs
Placement hours	0 hrs
Guided independent study hours	170 hrs
Module duration (Total hours)	200 hrs

Module aims

This module aims to unify the skills developed throughout your work placement learning and academic studies at University in readiness for the responsibilities of employment as a Registered Veterinary Nurse.

The concept of clinical governance will be explored and activities that veterinary nurses can undertake to ensure that the quality of their professional practice provides improved outcomes for their patients and clients. This module will cover the legal and ethical frameworks within the profession and the challenges and difficulties that may arise.

Throughout the programme the RCVS Day One Skills have been embedded and developed in specific modules. This module includes the student being assessed on a sample of the RCVS day one competencies and skills in a 10 station scenario-based Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The student veterinary nurse will also have to provide evidence that they have completed the required minimum 1800 hours of work-related learning in a veterinary training practice and that their Nursing Progress Log (NPL) is completed (100%).

Students must have completed their NPL and work-based learning hours (1800), three weeks prior to the OSCE.

Module Learning Outcomes

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

1	Analyse the professional responsibilities of a Registered Veterinary Nurse
2	Evaluate the concept of clinical governance and the impact it has on the veterinary profession.
3	Demonstrate competency in the RCVS Day One Skills (DOS) and Day One Competences (DOC) for Veterinary Nurses.

RCVS Standards	Day One Competencies (DOC)	Day One Skills (DOS)
Learning outcomes for this module are mapped to the following RCVS day one competences (DOC) and day one skills (DOS)	8, 13,	2.5, 2.9, 4.4

External Reference points

QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Veterinary Nursing: <https://www.qaa.ac.uk/the-quality-code/subject-benchmark-statements/subject-benchmark-statement-veterinary-nursing>

RCVS Fitness to Practise Guide: <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/news-and-views/publications/fitness-to-practise-a-guide-for-uk-providers-of-veterinary/?destination=%2Fnews-and-views/publications%2F>

RCVS Day One Skills for Veterinary Nurses: <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/rcvs-day-one-skills-for-veterinary-nurses/>

RCVS Day One Competences for Veterinary Nurses: <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/day-one-competences-for-veterinary-nurses/>

RCVS Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses: <https://www.rcvs.org.uk/document-library/code-of-professional-conduct-for-veterinary-nurses/>

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.

Formative

Practise clinical skills / Professional discussions / role play nursing clinics and nursing consultations / peer review activities for nursing clinics and discussions

Summative

Assessment 1: Presentation, individual 20 minutes

Assessment 2: Scenario-based OSCE (10 stations)

*To enter the OSCE, students must have completed their NPL and accrued the required minimum work-based learning hours in a veterinary training practice (1800 hours) three weeks prior to the examination.

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Duration/Word Count	Weighting (%)	Alternative assessment, if applicable
1	1, 2	Presentation	20 mins	100	NA
2*	3	OSCE	2 hours	Pass/Fail	NA

Derogations

This module is mapped to the RCVS Day One Competences (DOC) and Day One Skills (DOS) for Veterinary Nurses. To gain an overall pass in this module the student is required to pass 7 out of 10 stations in the objective structured clinical examination (OSCE).

For assessment 1, students must receive a minimum of 40%.

In addition to the assessment tasks the student must have 100% completion of their nursing progress log (NPL) (pass) and accumulated a minimum of 1800 hours during their work-based learning placement (pass).

Learning and Teaching Strategies

A range of learning and teaching strategies will be employed, and all will focus on student centred teaching. Delivery of content will be conducted in lecture rooms and the clinical suite. The emphasis will be on active learning for each session delivered. Practice and development of RCVS DOC and DOS within the clinical suite, in preparation for the OSCE.

Welsh Elements

Elements of the Welsh language and culture will be embedded throughout the module where possible.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

Learning outcome 1

Legal and professional requirements / Code of Professional Conduct / Principles of Practice / professional responsibilities / declaration / regulation and disciplinary process of registered veterinary nurses / ethical dilemmas / Fitness to Practise.

Learning outcome 2

Accountability for continuous improvement / framework / Seven pillars of clinical governance / clinical audits / effectiveness / evidence-based practice / improving health and wellbeing of staff / continuing professional development (CPD) / life-long learning.

Learning outcome 3

Nursing clinics / factors to consider / types / advantages to practice / nursing consults / confident in examining abilities / opportunities for nurses / microchip implants / preventative programmes / planning / implementing / barriers / marketing of services / pricing / equipment and materials / location / business perspective.

Learning outcome 4

RCVS Day One Skills (DOS) and Day One Competences (DOC) / OSCE / preparation and practice.

Indicative Bibliography

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

Essential Reads:

Aspinall, V. (2019), *Clinical Procedures in Veterinary Nursing*, 4th ed. Edinburgh: Elsevier.

Cooper, B., Turner, L. and Mullineaux, E. (2020), *BSAVA Textbook of Veterinary Nursing*, 6th ed. Gloucester: British Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Other indicative reading:

Ackerman, N. (2012), *The Consulting Veterinary Nurse*, Chichester: Wiley Blackwell.

Ponsford, E.E. (2019), *Lean Veterinary Practice Management*.

The Veterinary Nurse, Practical international peer-reviewed journal. London: MA Healthcare Ltd.

Veterinary Nursing Journal. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis Ltd.

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