

CENTRAL COLLEGE OF ANIMAL STUDIES

A specialist training college for the veterinary profession



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CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE CAN BE A REAL CHALLENGE BUT IT IS ALSO AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY. AT CENTRAL COLLEGE OF ANIMAL STUDIES, WE PROVIDE OUR STUDENTS WITH A RICH PROGRAMME, DESIGNED TO BUILD THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND PROFESSIONALISM REQUIRED TO SUCCEED IN THE VETERINARY NURSING PROFESSION.



Our programmes fully prepare students for employment before they graduate.

Practising professionals are at the core of our teaching team and are well placed to offer a diverse learning experience. This experience ranges from theoretical study, to applied, hands-on practice, where students learn about the physical and emotional aspects of veterinary nursing.

We offer care and support for all of our students, with pastoral supervision and a strong team of tutors. Our links with veterinary practices and with the profession allow us to provide fantastic

career prospects and progression opportunities for our students.

At Central College of Animal Studies, we are passionate about helping our students succeed and are committed to providing a rewarding, practical and academic experience in all areas of veterinary practice. We nurture resilience, dedication, passion and a range of other personal attributes that help ensure our graduates are sought after by veterinary practices nationally.

In addition to preparing our students for entry into the working environment, we aim to develop

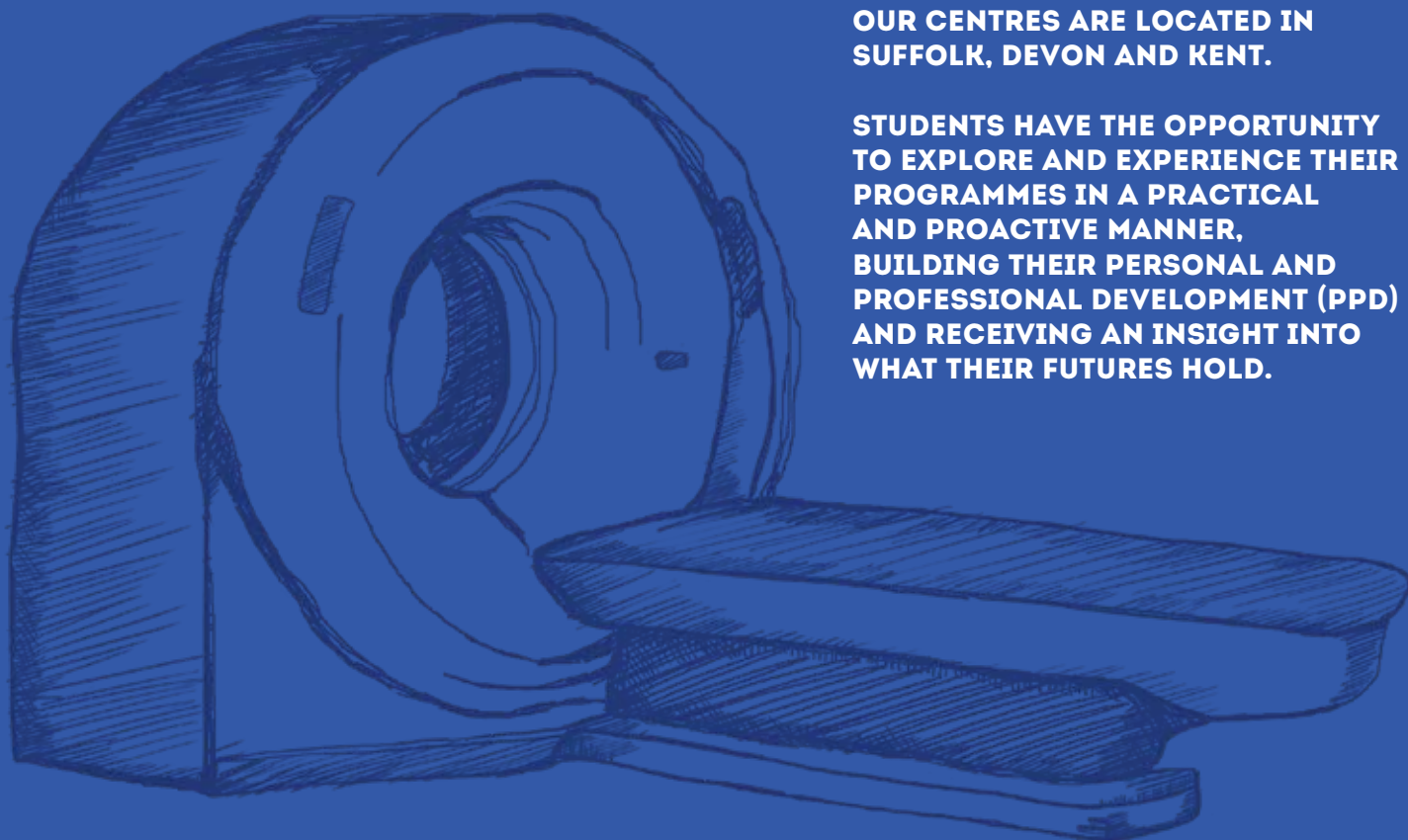
lifelong and transferable skills so our graduates succeed in whatever career path they eventually follow.

Our programmes are delivered at popular locations, making them accessible to students who wish to live at home or minimise their general expenditure. Our facilities offer a modern learning experience for students to study.

CENTRES AND FACILITIES . . .

**OUR CENTRES ARE LOCATED IN
SUFFOLK, DEVON AND KENT.**

**STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE THEIR
PROGRAMMES IN A PRACTICAL
AND PROACTIVE MANNER,
BUILDING THEIR PERSONAL AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PPD)
AND RECEIVING AN INSIGHT INTO
WHAT THEIR FUTURES HOLD.**



Centres

When studying with Central College, students will have the opportunity to work within reputable, professional and caring teams. Our centres are close to a range of major transport links, as well as popular towns and landmarks, making them easy and enjoyable places to study.

Students also have the opportunity to complete practical elements of the programme at veterinary practices that have been assessed and approved by the college. This gives students greater flexibility, particularly if they live further afield or have connections or affiliations with a specific practice, prior to embarking on a Central College programme.

Our tutors

Central College of Animal Studies' staff are passionate about veterinary nurse training. They have a wide and varied experience of the veterinary profession, and students can expect to be inspired by their innovative course delivery and engaging teaching style.

**“ WE OFFER
A VARIETY OF
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FACILITIES AND
RESOURCES ”**



Facilities

Our main centres are equipped so that students have the opportunity to develop practical skills alongside their theoretical knowledge. Our satellite centres in East Malling and Exeter work closely with local veterinary practices to provide the equivalent experiences.

Students are exposed to real-life veterinary situations, whereby they can observe genuine procedures and learn about life in practice, first hand.

Our larger centre in Suffolk offers top of-the-range diagnostic and treatment facilities, delivering the ultimate learning experience. Students are exposed to state-of-the-art operating theatres, radiography and ultrasound suites and CT scanning, as well as advanced imaging technology and management systems.

Students have access to other facilities, including consulting rooms, grooming parlours, agility and behavioural equipment, endoscopy apparatus and in-house laboratories and pharmacies.

An important aspect of veterinary medicine includes the prevention and treatment of injuries and conditions affecting movement. At our Ipswich centre in Suffolk, students have access to both physiotherapy and hydrotherapy suites, where they can get an insight into the use of buoyancy aids, an



aquatic treadmill and hydrotherapy pool. Both physio and hydrotherapy enhance general health and fitness, aid convalescence and weight loss and improve recovery rates.

As well as modern facilities, students may also participate in a variety of small

animal services, including specialist nurse clinics. These clinics offer advice on weight, behavioural issues, parasite prevention, dental checks, and new pet and senior pet health checks. The clinics provide ideal training practice for students, delivering a fun, hands-on learning experience.



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VETERINARY NURSING . . .



**OUR VETERINARY NURSING PROGRAMMES COMBINE
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EQUIPS STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS AND WORKING
KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO BE VALUABLE MEMBERS OF THE
VETERINARY CARE TEAM.**

What does a career in veterinary nursing involve?

A well-trained and dedicated veterinary nursing team is the keystone of any veterinary practice, providing support to animals, clients, veterinary surgeons and the reception team. The responsibilities of the veterinary nursing team are extremely varied and each day presents new challenges. Nonetheless, having a commitment to animal care and putting their welfare first is at the heart of veterinary nursing. As a veterinary nurse, you will develop and utilise a multitude of skills, as well as gaining a thorough understanding of the science behind animal health and behaviour. Duties of the veterinary nursing team include handling patients during treatment, monitoring patients during anaesthesia, collecting samples for analysis, dispensing and administering medication and feeding, grooming and exercising animals in the practice's care. Nursing staff may also run clinics for preventive and follow-up care, such as puppy and kitten health checks, weight management, pre and post-operative check-ups, microchipping, immunisation and dental care. Veterinary nurses also have an important role in educating clients about animal welfare. Further, veterinary nurses play a significant part in animal care in the community; from teaching children in schools about how to look after their pets, to providing home visits and care to the pets of elderly or disabled owners.





Is veterinary nursing for me?

If you are enthusiastic, caring and a good communicator, who enjoys working with animals, then a career in veterinary nursing could be for you. A dedication to the profession and a commitment to always doing what is best for the animals entrusted to your care is of paramount importance. Animals require round-the-clock care, so you must be prepared to work variable hours, including evenings, weekends and bank holidays. Good communication and people skills are also essential for a career in veterinary nursing, particularly when conveying upsetting and difficult news to owners. Veterinary nursing is physically and emotionally demanding, but at the same time, extremely rewarding. As part of the team, you'll play a valuable role in the welfare of animals, develop lasting relationships with owners and actively improve lives every day.



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Our courses

We offer veterinary nursing programmes for students looking to be part of the modern veterinary nursing team.

Whether you are new to veterinary nursing, or a nursing assistant looking to become a registered veterinary nurse, we have a tailored programme to suit.

All of our programmes include a balance of practice-based learning and academic teaching; and use a variety of strategies to ensure students can undertake clinical tasks proficiently. Learning comprises a range of subjects; from general and surgical nursing, anaesthetic techniques, radiography and functional anatomy, to professional relationships, communication and professional ethics.

With small class sizes, our aim is to teach students essential life skills that can be used for both personal and professional development, focusing on each individual and their abilities.

Besides ensuring students gain the necessary knowledge to practice veterinary nursing safely and proficiently, our courses allow students to develop as individuals and take charge of their own professional development.



PROGRAMMES IN SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY NURSING

Overview

These programmes are designed to give students the ability to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to practice veterinary nursing, safely and competently. In addition, students will grow as individuals and get the chance to learn life skills essential for professional development.

The programmes include a balance of practice-based learning and theoretical teaching and use a variety of strategies to ensure students can undertake tasks proficiently. Clinical placement in veterinary training practices will allow students to become competent and confident in a veterinary environment.

What you will study

Our veterinary nursing programmes cover all aspects of veterinary nursing including the operational requirements of a veterinary practice, animal anatomy and physiology, diagnostic imaging, theatre practice and preperation, and preparing for professional relationships.



Entry requirements

Students must have a minimum of five GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade C and above (4-9), including English, Mathematics and Science.

In our experience, students benefit from having previously studied to a higher level.



Programme delivery

Students can choose to complete this three-year programme on a full or part-time basis. Practice-based learning is a vital element of this course and students are taught through a mixture of theory delivery, practical sessions and training in practice.

Following successful completion of the first year, students progress to their clinical years, where their professional skills and ethics are further developed.

On successful completion of our veterinary nursing programme, students can register with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) as a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN).



Practical placement

All veterinary nursing courses require a placement within a practice that has been approved by Central College of Animal Studies and the RCVS. This time in practice is recorded and forms part of the requirement for registration with the RCVS.

Assessment

You will undertake a series of assignments, written and practical examinations and clinical skills assessments during your studies. These will take place at a variety of points throughout the college year and you will be entered for examinations when you reach specific milestones in your training. You will also compile an online nursing progress log (Central Skills Log) which will be monitored and assessed by a designated workplace clinical coach.

Career opportunities

The opportunities and flexibility of veterinary nursing are among the many benefits of this career path. There are also various options for career progression.

An excellent knowledge of animal science and nursing acumen may lead to other veterinary nursing positions, such as head nurse or a teaching role. Similarly, administrative skills and leadership may result in a career in practice management. Alternatively, you may wish to further develop your skills in certain areas of veterinary medicine by specialising in equine, exotic or small animal care, emergency and critical care, surgical or medical nursing, or in behaviour counselling, diagnostics, rehabilitation, anaesthesia or laboratory work. Lastly, veterinary nursing is not limited to practice; opportunities to

broaden your knowledge or support animal projects abroad are available to veterinary nurses. From the Mission Rabies project to the African Wildlife Foundation's fight against lion poaching, veterinary nurses can help to reduce the suffering of animals worldwide.

How to apply

For further details and to request an application form, please email enquiries@ccoas.org.uk



A close-up photograph of a light brown dog, possibly a Weimaraner, lying down. A person wearing a light blue medical or veterinary uniform is attending to the dog's front left paw. The paw is wrapped in white bandage, and a small blue medical clip is visible. The dog has a calm expression, looking slightly to the side. The background is dark and out of focus.

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STUDENT PROFILE

Georgina joined the Diploma in Veterinary Nursing course, having completed an Extended Diploma in Animal Management and worked as a pet care advisor within a veterinary practice. She has always been a proactive student, who has keenly partaken in any activity. Georgina has always demonstrated the professional attitudes and behaviour necessary for the profession. For example, undertaking further independent study. This, together with her clear passion for the profession, has resulted in her gaining confidence and competence throughout the course, and has enabled her to develop into somebody who will be a credit to the RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses.



A WORD FROM GEORGINA...

"Prior to the course, I gathered a lot of experience in different animal working environments including stables, kennels and catteries, veterinary practices and pet shops. Through undertaking the Diploma in Veterinary Nursing, I feel I have progressed in my understanding of working with animals and the appropriate methods of nursing, including correct animal care. Variety is what I most enjoy about my career; every day is different when working in practice. Studying with the Central College of Animal Studies and being taught by enthusiastic tutors has enabled me to gain in-depth knowledge and provided me with the practical experience necessary to become a veterinary nurse. My aspirations following completion of this course are to become a dedicated veterinary nurse and potentially further my career into working in a referral centre focussing on kennel nursing in an intensive care unit."



PROGRAMMES FOR VETERINARY NURSING ASSISTANTS

Overview

These programmes prepare and support students for careers as veterinary nursing assistants.

The key aims of the courses are to give students the ability to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to work safely and competently and to provide a natural progression on to other courses, or within employment.

What will you study

Our veterinary nursing assistant programme covers topics including maintaining and developing personal performance, companion animal anatomy and physiology, and care for hospitalised animals.

Entry requirements

Students are required to have a minimum of four GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade C and above (4-9), including English and Mathematics.



Programme delivery

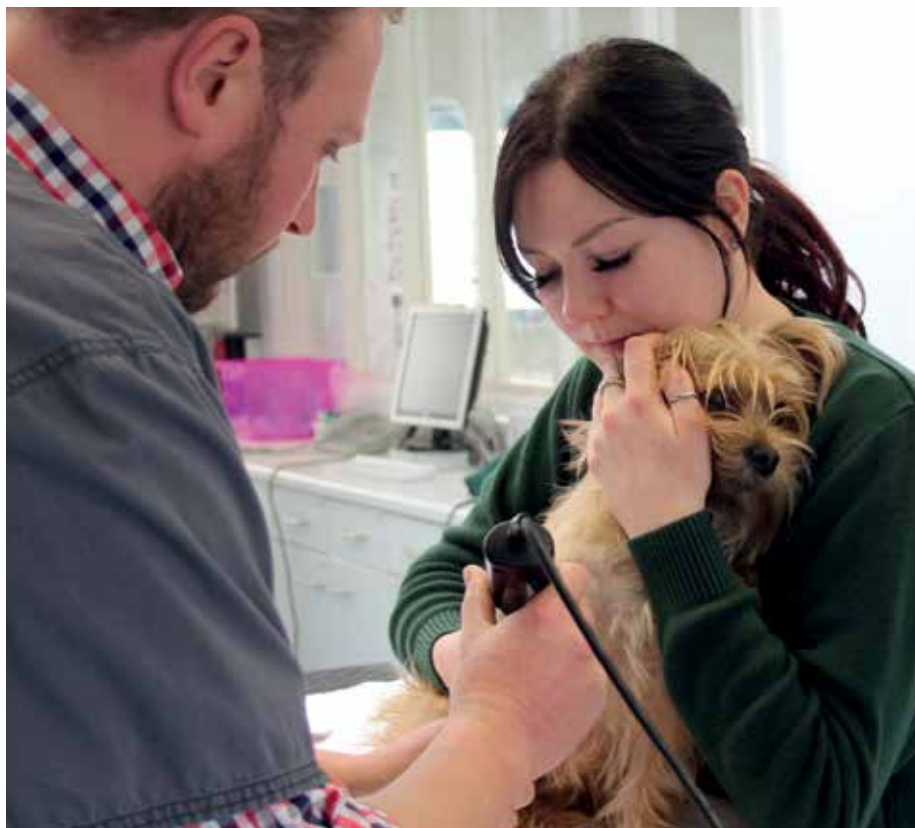
Students can undertake our Veterinary Nursing Assistant programmes on a full or part-time basis. Practical-based learning is a vital element of this qualification, therefore the programme will include a balance of practical-based learning and theoretical teaching, and will use a variety of strategies to ensure students can undertake tasks proficiently.

Career opportunities

The Veterinary Nursing Assistant programmes allow students to work confidently and competently in veterinary environments. In addition, they can provide progression onto veterinary nursing.

How to apply

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NURSING
ASSISTANTS
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MEMBERS OF THE
NURSING TEAM”**

HOW TO FIND US . . .

IPSWICH VETERINARY CENTRE

**1 DONALD MACKINTOSH WAY,
SCRIVENER DRIVE, IPSWICH, SUFFOLK IP8 3LQ
(SAT NAV POST CODE: IP8 3SU).**

EAST MALLING

NEW ROAD, EAST MALLING, KENT ME19 6BJ.

EXETER

**UNIT 7, MANATON COURT, MANATON CLOSE,
MATFORD BUSINESS PARK, EXETER EX2 8PF
(SAT NAV POST CODE: EX2 8PF).**



DIRECTIONS

Ipswich Veterinary Centre, Suffolk

Ipswich Veterinary Centre is located on Scrivener Drive and is adjacent to the A1214. Our main entrance to the car park is easily accessible and easy to find.

Travelling on the A14, leave at junction 55 – signposted Colchester, Harwich, Ipswich West A12 (A1214). Then, at the roundabout take the third exit onto the A1214. At the following roundabout, take the third exit onto Scrivener Drive, signposted Pinewood and Belstead; we are just a little way down Donald Mackintosh Way on your left.

East Malling, Kent

Our East Malling Centre is situated in the grounds of NIAB, located within three miles from junction four of the M20. Exit junction four of the M20 and head south on the A228 signposted 'West Malling'.

Travel east on the A20 towards Maidstone – head straight over the first set of traffic lights. Turn right at the second set of traffic lights, opposite B&Q. This is New Road, East Malling.

Head along New Road keeping the walled boundary on your left for 1.2 km.

Exeter, Devon

Follow A37. At the roundabout, take the fourth exit onto Bad Homburg Way/ B3123. At roundabout, take the first exit onto Matford Park Road. At roundabout take the second exit onto Matford Park Road. Turn left onto Manaton Close.



Ipswich Veterinary Centre based in Suffolk





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