Nurses Certificate Programmes

Be the best you can in veterinary nursing

- Anaesthesia
- Animal Behaviour
- Emergency and Critical Care Nursing
- Practice Management and Administration

In association with:
We are dedicated to developing careers, improving practice performance and driving veterinary education forwards. Progress through learning.
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Our Nurses Certificates (NCerts) in Anaesthesia, Animal Behaviour and Emergency and Critical Care Nursing are designed to give you the latest skills and knowledge to make you the best!

Why choose Improve?

We are the leading provider of Nurses Certificate programmes and have a 16 year track record of delivering quality Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

Our Nurses Certificate programmes, introduced in 2010 have already benefitted many nurses who understand the value these credible qualifications bring.

The Nurses Certificate programmes will help you

- Expand your clinical skills and knowledge to enhance patient care
- Increase your confidence and job satisfaction
- Help you gain an achievable qualification
- Provide you with flexible attendance options enabling you to fit studying around your busy working life

We support you every step of the way

You will be able to access learning resources which support you through each module ensuring you have all the information you need.

- Comprehensive notes
- A defined syllabus with associated learning objectives
- Reading lists relevant to each module and extra information sources given by the module tutor. These may include text book chapters, journals, papers or web based material
- An email group or forum which allows you to communicate with your fellow peers
- Pre and post module questions and self-assessment evaluations enabling you to track your learning

About our partners

Our Nurses Certificate programmes are run in collaboration with the European School of Veterinary Postgraduate Studies (ESVPS) and Harper Adams University (HAU).

ESVPS are the accrediting and awarding body for the Nurses Certificates. ESVPS sets and evaluates the course work and final examination, which leads to the Nurses Certificate award.

The rigorous validation process undertaken by Harper Adams University and their on-going involvement in the Graduate Certificate ensures that both the teaching elements and the examination processes meet the highest academic standards.

In association with:
Veterinary anaesthesia and analgesia have advanced significantly during recent years.

This programme will review the latest anaesthetic and monitoring equipment, the selection of key anaesthetic and analgesic agents, techniques for safe anaesthesia and effective analgesia in dogs, cats, equines and exotics. The programme will help you increase your confidence in this vital area of veterinary nursing.

Module 01
The anaesthetic machine and monitoring equipment

Module 02
Pre-anaesthetic assessment and pre-medication. Intravenous and inhalant anaesthetics

Module 03
Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, accidents and emergencies

Module 04
Anaesthesia of equine and exotic species

Module 05
Fluid therapy in the perioperative period. Nutrition in critical care

Module 06
Analgesia and pain assessment

Module 07
Anaesthetic considerations for specific conditions I

Module 08
Anaesthetic considerations for specific conditions II

Georgina Little
RNV NCert(A&CC)
The course has allowed me to help clients with their problem animals and spread my new knowledge to others in my practice.

Zoe Hockley
RVN

Nurses Certificate in Animal Behaviour
NCert(AnBeh)

Cases showing inappropriate behaviour are commonly seen in veterinary practice and this is an area that is of great interest to many veterinary nurses.

This fascinating programme will lead you through the common causes, diagnostic methods and treatment regimes of the various types of behavioural problems encountered in general practice. The programme includes case-based discussions and where possible the examination of actual behaviour cases. The programme is ideal for nurses who wish to establish their own ‘in-practice’ service.

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Emergency and Critical Care Nursing
NCert(E&CC)

Emergency cases can be some of the most challenging and rewarding patients to deal with in practice.

This programme will increase your knowledge and confidence enabling you to act swiftly and calmly resulting in a positive impact on the clinical outcome of your emergency patients.

The final module enables you to practise some of the techniques in a safe environment within our state of the art practical facilities in Swindon. The course will follow and expand on the recently published textbook - Practical Emergency and Critical Care Veterinary Nursing written by the course tutors.

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Nurses Certificate Programme Structure

The individual courses are held in Swindon within a face to face training environment, giving you the opportunity to meet like-minded people and share experiences.

The programmes are scheduled modules between October and July. You can choose to study over a period of up to three years towards the exam or opt to attend the individual modules. If you are working towards the NCert, a final multiple choice exam is held each November. In order to sit the exam you need to attend all taught modules and register for the exam with ESVPS.

Pre and post module studying is structured around defined learning objectives and you are required to evaluate personal learning goals and record sources used for further study.

Each taught session concludes with a formative assessment consisting of 10 case-based questions occupying the final 30 minutes of the session.

Each module consists of:
- Pre-module preparation: 1 hour
- Taught session: 6 hours
- Post-module review and further reading: 2-3 hours
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Your route to success

We can help you decide and guide you through the best route for you.

Route one

**NCert qualification**
- Register for the exam with ESVPS
- Attend all taught modules of your chosen programme and complete all pre and post module evaluations
- Submit the required case report and case studies to ESVPS
- Sit the written exam
- Spread the programme up to three years and then sit the exam the following year

Route two

**Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies (Veterinary Practice Sciences) - 40 academic credits**
- Register with HAU
- Complete the NCert qualification as detailed in route one
- Undertake a work-based development module
- Use credits from HAU towards future qualifications – for example the BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with Advanced Standing

(Deadlines for registration with ESVPS and HAU will be provided after you join the course.)

Route three

Attend the whole course or the individual modules which would be relevant to increasing your knowledge and skills.

By the end of the course, you will experience an increase not only in knowledge, but also confidence and earning power. Your practice will benefit from increased revenue when you take your new skills back and put them into practice.

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**Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies**

**Veterinary Practice Sciences**

Need more information?
Contact us to discuss options for your postgraduate study.
Call us on 01793 759159
Visit our website
www.improveinternational.com
Practice Management and Administration
Cert(PM&A)

The course has given me a firm foundation in management of a veterinary practice and further understanding of the principles of people management (both employees and clients), practice finances and marketing/promotion of the business.

Richard Knight
BVSc MRCVS

This modular programme will be a valuable resource for any member of staff who wishes to gain the skills required to be promoted into a management and/or administrative role in their practice.

This course is suitable for anyone currently working in or wishing to move into veterinary practice management. The interactive sessions will give you the confidence to understand and manage the key systems within a veterinary practice. In particular you will learn essential skills in marketing, finance and people management.

Module 01
The confidence to manage my team

Module 02
Effective communication for managers in practice

Module 03
Getting the right staff

Module 04
Keeping the right staff

Module 05
Statutory and ethical requirements

Module 06
Marketing 1: Online

Module 07
Marketing 2: Getting and keeping the right clients

Module 08
Getting to grips with the figures
How to apply or find out more

Reserve your place
Registrations are accepted online or over the phone. To reserve a place a fully completed application form must be submitted.

Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis and we reserve the right to close registrations when applications exceed the number of places available.

Download our course information
For further information on all our courses including course fees, module content and registration please download the relevant information from our website www.improveinternational.com