



**HARTPURY**  
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Programme Information Sheet for 2019 entry

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## MSc Veterinary Physiotherapy

**Award on completion of programme:** MSc Veterinary Physiotherapy

**Professional body accreditation:** Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, The Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy.

**Location of study:** Hartpury University.

**Length of programme:** Three years part-time.

**Language of the programme:** This programme is taught in English.

### Entry Requirements:

**General:** Applicants must be a physiotherapist registered with the Health and Care Professions Council. You will also need to be a member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and be a Category B member of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy (ACPAT). A minimum of one year postgraduate experience of working as a human physiotherapist is desirable but not essential.

You will need to demonstrate a strong desire to work with animals and their owners/handlers and have previous experience of handling a range of animals either paid or unpaid. A short telephone interview will be done to support the application.

**Mature and international applicants:** Mature and international applicants are welcomed. Mature applicants that are not applying for a programme straight from formal education will be expected to demonstrate suitability for the course.

In the case of international applications, we will attempt to establish the equivalency of qualifications and the same criteria and assessment is used as for home students. An IELTS English qualification is expected for international applicants without a GCSE Grade C or above (or 9 to 4 where numeric grades are being awarded) in English Language.

If you have completed learning towards a university level qualification, perhaps at another institution or with a professional body or have relevant work experience then you may be able to gain credit for this and/or enter the course at a later point than standard year one entry. For further information please contact our Admissions team, who will be pleased to help you.

Personalised offers will be made to each applicant based on their own merits. Non-academic and academic achievement will be considered.

**Timetables:** This programme has been specially designed to fit around those working or volunteering within the sector. As such timetables have been carefully designed and include a lot of flexibility. Timetables are normally available during registration. It is recommended that you discuss potential timetables and how this may fit alongside working or volunteering with a member of Hartpury staff in person.

**Programme Composition:** This programme comprises of different modules, which focus on specific subjects. The modular structure of the programme gives you flexibility and choice and you can attend introductory sessions for optional modules before having to finally decide which ones you wish to study. We usually offer all optional modules available to students however if we believe that we are unable to

offer a high quality student experience (which can be particularly affected by low student demand) then we may make the decision not to offer it. If an optional module will not be run, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module. Our teaching is informed by research, and modules change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline. These changes are informed by both industry and student consultation.

On completion and passing of these modules you gain academic credit that accumulates towards your overall award and outcome. This programme offers students a mixture of classroom learning and independent research. Modules are normally taught in two to four day blocks, allowing students to work around their other commitments. Students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. In addition to traditional lectures, students are also able to take part in individual and group presentations, group discussions, and analyses of case studies. Students will usually complete around 12 to 20 days of placement experience during their first and second years. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

## **Compulsory Modules**

### **Year 1:**

- Preparation for Clinical Practice  
Review normal and abnormal behaviours, legislation, needs, and management of domestic animals  
Includes placement work
- Comparative and Applied Anatomy, Physiotherapy, and Biomechanics  
Understand the anatomy of a range of species
- Veterinary Diagnostics and Physiotherapy Assessment  
Reviews the veterinary diagnosis and physiotherapy assessment of a range of animals  
Includes placement days

### **Year 2:**

- The Research Process  
Discussion of research methodologies and applications, as well as strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of different methods
- Applied Business Management  
Understand the essential operations of a small business, including, organisational culture and marketing
- Veterinary Physiotherapy Rehabilitation  
Using a range of physiotherapy techniques to treat and rehabilitate both large and small animals  
Includes placement days

### **Year 3**

- Postgraduate Dissertation  
Students will develop and undertake a research project of their choosing

**Assessment Method:** You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and coursework. There will also be a dissertation in which the student must perform research and analysis in an area of their interest. Many of the modules will be marked based on a mixture of assessment types, whilst others will be based solely on one type of assessment.

**Discounts and special support associated with enrolling on the programme:** Hartpury also subsidises optional short courses for a reduced cost that give students the opportunity to gain relevant experience and qualifications prior to graduation. These are in addition to the discounts Hartpury usually offers to its students, such as free Wi-Fi on site and Microsoft Office packages etc. There is lots of support available to you whilst you study including allocation of a personal academic tutor that you will meet for 1:1 sessions and other services detailed at <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/university-centre/facilities/life-at-hartpury/student-support/>.

**Costs associated with the programme:** The cost of this programme will be £5250 (years 1 & 2) and £1837 (year 3) for UK and EU students subject to government approval. See website for information on international fees for this programme. We will only increase our fees in accordance with guidelines laid down by OFFA. Students are required to purchase appropriate clothing and footwear which is available as

a bundle for approximately £75 from Hartpury's online shop, at <http://estore.hartpury.ac.uk/>. If students already have relevant footwear the other items may be bought separately. Students will need to fund accommodation near placements and the University Centre.

For Part Time costs please refer to the Hartpury Fee policy at: <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

For more information on the admissions policy, please visit: <http://www.hartpury.ac.uk/about-us/governance-and-policies/governance-and-policies/>

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