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Programme Information Sheet for 2020 entry

BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing with integrated placement year

UCAS Code: BD71

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Professional body accreditation: Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Location of study: Hartpury University. Placements can take place in Veterinary Nursing Training Practices throughout the UK once approved by Hartpury.

Length of programme: Four years full-time.

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

Entry Requirements:

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Programme Composition: This programme is comprised 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 award. The marks you gain for the modules completed after your first year may contribute towards your overall award mark and outcome. The modules contain mixture of scheduled learning, independent learning and sometimes learning whilst on work placement.

	Scheduled Contact Learning (%)	Placement Learning (%)	Independent Learning (%)
Year 1	27	0	73
Year 2	0	100	0
Year 3	24	0	76
Year 4	16	0	84

Students will receive a minimum of 15 hours scheduled contact per week in lectures, seminars and practicals in their first year. In subsequent years scheduled contact will vary depending on the modules you select but is typically around 12 hours per week. Students are expected to dedicate at least two to three hours of independent study per contact hour. The second year of study is a mandatory placement that gives students the opportunity to work in an approved veterinary nursing practice. Students will be enrolled with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as Student Veterinary Nurses before commencement of placement. Some modules may bring in guest lecturers to provide topical and industry-relevant talks.

Compulsory Modules

Year 1:

- Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Nurses
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 - Discussion of legislation, housing, nutrition, handling, and health of animals
- Professional Veterinary Nursing Practice
 - Students will gain knowledge of the role of a veterinary nurse and consider the job application process
- Patient Care 1 for Veterinary Nurses
 - Focuses on the management of animals within a clinical environment, including transfers, infection control and client support
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Year 2:

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Year 3:

- Diagnostics for Veterinary Nurses
 - Learning how to prepare diagnostic tests
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Year 4:

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 - Learning how to apply their knowledge of the veterinary industry and legislation within a business
- Must complete either:
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Optional modules: In the past, topics have included clinical rehabilitation, business management, developments in animal science, clinical animal behaviour, ethical breeding, veterinary nursing clinics and volunteering for veterinary nurses.

Assessment Method: You will be assessed through a mixture of written exams, practical exams and coursework. 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.

	Written Examination (%)	Coursework (%)	Practical Examination (%)
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Year 3 *	50	30	20
Year 4 *	13	63	24

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