

Access to Higher Education

Diploma in Veterinary Science



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Animal Management	Level 3	Full-Time	1 year	September 2026

Practical vs Theory

40% 60%

The Course

Do you want a career within veterinary science? This course will prepare you to progress to veterinary science degree programmes in just one year.

What You Will Study

- > Anatomy and Physiology
- > Chemistry: Core Chemistry
- > Biology: Communication and Homeostasis
- > Chemistry: Inorganic Chemistry
- > Veterinary Science Research Project
- > Biology: Biochemistry and Energetics
- > Biology: Cell Division, Genetics and Genetic Applications
- > Introduction to Veterinary Law
- > Animal Handling and Client Communication
- > Chemistry: Organic Chemistry
- > Chemistry: Physical Chemistry
- > Higher Education Study Skills and Presentation Skills
- > Use and Comprehension of Numerical Data

Entry Requirements

You will need GCSEs in English Maths and Science at grade 5 or above, or equivalent.

Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through a mixture of theory, practical, lab work, research and self-study.

Time Required on Campus

You will usually be on campus three days per week, plus one day of work experience at various times during the year.

Work Experience

As a requirement for progression to university within the veterinary science sector, you will need to have a minimum of six weeks of external work experience with the animal/veterinary sector. You will undertake on site work experience with our Animal Management Centre, Farm and Equine Centre. You will observe activities such as visits from vets, farriers and veterinary physiotherapists, as well as gaining hands on experience with a wide range of species

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through course work, written assignments, practical assessments and exams.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > College-branded white laboratory coat
- > College-branded blue kennel coat
- > Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including steel toe capped footwear (boots, shoes, or wellies)
- > Waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear (for work experience)
- > Stationery, including paper, pens, pencils and a folder to organise theory work

Progression

On successful completion of this course you will be able to progress to study at degree level.

Careers

The progression opportunities that this course provides will allow you to explore a range of careers, including: Veterinary medicine, veterinary nursing, veterinary physiotherapist, bioveterinary scientist, scientific research, animal science technician