Welcome to Bristol

3rd Most targeted university by top UK employers

Top 10 UK University in QS World Rankings 2017

Best city to live in, 2017 - Sunday Times

93% of our graduates are employed or in further study six months after graduating

Top 5 For research in the UK
Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science
Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour
These are professional programmes and those who graduate from them will:

Enter the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) register of veterinary nurses as practicing professionals

Be awarded a BSc(Hons) from the University of Bristol
RCVS Code of Conduct

“I PROMISE AND SOLEMNLY DECLARE that I will pursue the work of my profession with integrity and accept my responsibilities to the public, my clients, the profession and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and that, ABOVE ALL my constant endeavour will be to ensure the health and welfare of animals committed to my care.”
Student Code of Conduct

Use and misuse of digital media

Fitness to Practice Policy
The programme combines a strong Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science knowledge base along with Clinical nurse training provided by veterinary nurses and surgeons.
Bioveterinary Science
• Extensive science, research and nursing components

• Students are equipped with essential knowledge and skills

• High employability within the veterinary and related professions
What type of graduate are we aiming to produce

A registered veterinary nurse (RVN)

With a science based underpinning knowledge

A manager

A life long learner
What makes a good VNBS student?
Dedication, enthusiasm & commitment

While you are here you will also develop…….
Problem solving skills
Communication skills
Knowledge, technical ability & confidence in your field
The opportunity to work within a broad range of clinical environments, including first opinion and referral practices

Enables students to gain extensive practical experience of veterinary nursing
Clinical Learning Environments
RCVS Day One Competencies and Skills

QAA Higher Education subject bench marks for Veterinary Nursing
Vibrant Bristol

Best city to live in, 2017
Sunday Times
Vet School ranked 11th in the World
• In year one students come to Langford on a Thursday
• In year two students come to Langford on a Thursday & Friday
• Free transport is provided
Practical Experience

The University will provide students with suitable *term-time* practice placements.

Term time placements take place in year three (currently 42 weeks).

In addition, students are currently required to spend 10 weeks in their chosen veterinary practice during *vacation* in years one and two.
Practical Experience

Placement administrator

Academic support team

Network of approved training practices where students complete their
The students on the VNBS programme are taught by research scientists and clinicians across the curriculum.

Within Bristol Vet School these include anaesthetists, surgeons and internal medicine clinicians who belong to the comparative and clinical research group (pain, feline infectious disease).
Anatomical Science
Understanding Body Function
Principles of Primary Veterinary Nursing
Pre-Clinical Science
Clinical Veterinary Nursing Theory
Veterinary Anatomy

Plus two of the following four units:

Infection and immunity or Neurophysiology (term one)

Cellular and Molecular Pathology or Integrative Physiology (term two)
Patient Based learning Years 1,2 & 4

Scenario based patients designed by nursing team
Aim to bring together the teaching material and make it applicable to a ‘real life’ clinical patients who require nursing interventions – progressive in complexity as years progress

Interactive sessions tutor or peer lead
Year 3

42 week placement within both first opinion practice and the veterinary school hospital

A blended learning unit in Professional Veterinary Nursing Practice will also span this year
Placement Costs

It is very important at this point to reiterate that this is an undergraduate programme which leads to entry onto a professional register.

In order for that to happen there is a requirement for a 62 weeks in placement.

In the 3rd year those are practices within a 50 mile radius of Langford and we currently provide help towards the travel costs for the 42 weeks of the 3rd year.

However, in years 1 and 2, the travel costs to placements are fully covered by the student.
Year 4

Applied Clinical Veterinary Nursing

One Health

Research Skills and Dissertation
Research Project (Dissertation)

All students complete a 10,000 word dissertation which provides an opportunity for individual in-depth exploration of one aspect of the subjects taught throughout the programme.

Students decide on their own piece of research. This will be done under the supervision of an academic staff member with an interest in that research area.
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Examples of areas of research in recent projects:

An in practice study on the efficacy of hand asepsis using an impregnated brush with chlorhexidine solution compared with an alcohol based hand rub.

Are light reactive titanium dioxide coatings a viable option for the decontamination of orthopaedic implants?

Investigation into the effects of wearing sterile gloves versus non-sterile gloves during the application of ‘chloraprep’ as a final skin preparation for canine abdominal surgery.

Use of technology to assess the behaviour and welfare of chickens in a free range system.
How do we deliver teaching?

- Lectures, seminars, small group tutorials
- Small and large group practical classes
- E-learning resources to help you prepare for your lectures in Bioveterinary Science
- Online Learning Environment (Blackboard) – holds all the lectures notes, powerpoints, programme information and formative quizzes
Clinical Skills Lab
How do we assess learning?

Exams for every unit taught (could be written or MCQ)

Practical OSCE/ Online exams

Units have more than one type of assessment at the end of the term in which they are taught

E.g. in year 2 there are six units assessed in May/June and so that will mean at least 12 summative assessments

Students must pass all elements of each unit assessment in order to progress
Student support systems

Student Accommodation Office
Student Administration Office
Academic Unit Organisers
Senior Tutor: Personal Tutors (Yrs 1-4)
Year representatives / Centaur

Multiple feedback opportunities
Unit feedback (questionnaires / on-line)
Staff-Student Liaison Committee
Programme Committee
Quote from current 4th Year student representative

“I have really enjoyed being student rep and wanted to thank you for the positive attitude of the staff and the actions that have been made to the queries I have raised for the cohort”
What we do want from you…

Motivation and commitment

Veterinary nursing work experience – at least 2 weeks
We will ask you

What does being a Veterinary Nurse mean to you?

Why are you interested in Bioveterinary Science?
What qualifications do I need for the VNBS programme?
A level BB in chemistry and biology C in one other academic subject

How much work experience do I need?
Minimum of two weeks in a small animal practice working along side the veterinary nurses

How do I make my personal statement stand out?
Read our instructions on what to put into your personal statement

Pick up a leaflet today or visit our website
For full details of all entry requirements check the online prospectus

http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/2018/vet-nursing-biovet-science/bsc-vet-nursing/

For further information about the School of Veterinary Sciences http://www.bristol.ac.uk/vetscience/

Where can I get further information today?
Bristol: Medical Sciences Library
Langford: Café
New Programme for 2018/19

Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour
Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour BSc(Hons) – Full RCVS accreditation

Common first year with VNBS students

Emphasis in companion animal behaviour – with a specific animal behaviour units in years 2 & 4 and clinical placement in year 3
Entry Requirements

A level entry – BBC including Biology and one other science subject (which can be Mathematics) plus one other academic A level subject

This programme does not require A Level Chemistry grade B and we welcome applicants to both the VNBS and the VNCAB
Interview Days

5-6 interview days (November–March)

20 minute interview conducted by 2 members of staff

**Students should:**

Be prepared to answer questions relating to what has been written in personal statements as well as work experience

You will hear from us within 2-3 weeks of the interview
Keep in touch with us!

Instagram: Bristol_vets

Twitter: @Bristol_vets
Any Questions?