

Postgraduate Admissions Statement

PG Diploma Veterinary Clinical Practice

Programmes covered

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Applicants should also refer to the relevant prospectus entry for further programme details.

This admissions statement should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures for Postgraduate Taught Programmes](#).

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Faculty of Health Sciences

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Admissions cycle

2017

Application process

Online application

Please follow the instructions carefully. Please only upload the documents required. We will not read additional material

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly into the application form. Guidance on uploading documents can be found in the [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Applicants should make every effort to choose the correct programme in the application form by reading the prospectus entry and admissions statements fully. Applicants should contact the relevant Admissions Team if clarification is required.

Application Deadline

There is an application deadline for this programme, which is displayed on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#).

Required documents

All documents must be translated into English. Degree certificates and transcripts should be certified copies and list subjects taken and grades/degrees achieved. If your degree is not yet complete, please provide transcripts of subjects taken and marks achieved to date. All documents must be uploaded into the online application form unless otherwise noted. Applicants who have already submitted an application can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section. You can find information about how to upload documents to your application form in our [How to Apply FAQs](#).

Required documents for this programme are:

- Degree certificate and transcript
- Two references

Interviews

Interviews will be held as part of the admissions process.

Correspondence with applicants

Applicants will normally receive communication via email to the email address used to set up their application form account. Applicants should ensure that this profile email address is kept up-to-date.

Successful applicants will be contacted by phone.

Admissions criteria

Academic entry requirements

Candidates will need a relevant degree that allows them membership to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS).

For information on international equivalent qualifications, please see our [International Office](#) website.

English language criteria for non-native English speakers

For applicants whose first language is not English, it is necessary to achieve a minimum score in an approved English language test specified in Profile A of the [University's English Language Requirements Policy](#).

You can find information about the University of Bristol's Pre-Sessional English courses at the [Centre for English Language and Foundation Studies website](#).

Reference criteria

Two references are required. Academic references are preferred, but professional references are acceptable, particularly if you have not been in a University setting for more than two years. References should include the following:

- Full name of applicant
- The length of time referee has known the applicant and in what capacity
- Clinical skills and aptitude
- Teamwork and interpersonal/communication skills
- Initiative and ability to work independently
- Receptiveness towards guidance
- Intellectual qualities (eg critical thinking, problem-solving ability, present performance, future potential)
- Interests and future plans
- Suitability of chosen programme
- Referee's signature (if possible; if this is not possible, then please ensure the letter of recommendation is sent directly from the referee's email address)
- Referee's title, name and position

Personal statement criteria

The personal statement should expand on how the student's current levels of experience and knowledge make them a suitable candidate for the position. Some explanation of how the programme will allow them to develop their career plans in the longer term may also be included if applicable.

Interview criteria

A standardised 15-minute face-to-face interview will be used for selection. Interviewees will be given a series of questions to examine their reasons for admission to the course, communication skills, their suitability for the programme and their level of clinical experience. Criteria will be weighted equally.

Additional requirements

There are no additional requirements for this programme.

Selection process and offers

Selection process

All applications are considered in accordance with the [University's policy on equality and diversity](#). The University of Bristol upholds the principles of equality and diversity, respect and dignity. Candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or belief, disability, health or age.

Applications are reviewed by clinicians involved with the administration of the programme and a shortlist is created. In addition to the essential criteria, candidates are ranked as to their suitability based on their prior experience and the personal statement. Criteria are equally ranked. Shortlisted candidates will then be interviewed. Approximately 2-3 students will be interviewed for every position.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into their application.

Successful candidates will be told of the outcome for shortlisting within a week of the closing date. Following interviews, the successful candidates will be notified within a week. All candidates will be notified within two weeks of the interviews.

Deferrals

Deferrals are not considered for this programme

Deposits

A deposit is not required for this programme.

ATAS

An ATAS certificate is not required.