



## BSc Veterinary Nursing Undergraduate Programmes

### TOP TIPS FOR A GOOD INTERVIEW

Make sure you know how you are getting to Langford and where you need to go upon arrival; arrive early, so you don't feel rushed.

Dress smartly and comfortably; you will be walking to and from your interviews and around site on your tour.

Be prepared:

- Expect to discuss your reasons for your proposed career choice and how your work experience has informed this choice.
- Be able to demonstrate an understanding of the demands and opportunities that you would encounter as a veterinary nurse.
- Demonstrate knowledge of current issues in veterinary nursing.
- Be able to explain your reasons for selecting Bristol University and this programme.
- Re-read your personal statement before your interview.

It's OK to be nervous – it's only natural!

Listen carefully to the questions asked and give considered answers.

Speak clearly and with confidence;

Be enthusiastic and let it show!

Enjoy the experience and remember: the interview day is your opportunity to find out as much about us, as we hope to learn about you!



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### COMPLETING YOUR UCAS APPLICATION FORM

#### TOP TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

Explain your reasons for applying to study this programme and why you think you will make a good veterinary nurse.

Provide evidence of the following:

- Your understanding of the role of the veterinary nurse.
- Relevant work experience in a small animal veterinary practice (ideally a minimum of 2 weeks), plus additional work experience with animals, such as kennels, cattery or welfare organisations.
- Your interest in the welfare of animals and people.
- The match between your interests and aspirations, and your chosen programme.
- Your ability to be self-motivating: for example, in setting your own goals and problem-solving.
- Examples of your ability to work well as part of a team and also of using your initiative.

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Give examples of your ability to use practical and analytical skills.

Demonstrate your ability to use good communication skills, as these are essential for working in a veterinary practice.

Give details of any non-academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and any positions of responsibility and the skills that you have acquired as a result.

Give details of your hobbies, interests and pastimes and the personal attributes you have developed in pursuit of these.

Provide an organised and logically-structured statement.

Be truthful and avoid exaggeration.

Use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation! Get someone to proofread it before you submit.

Use the process of writing your personal statement to clarify your own strengths, weaknesses, goals and aspirations, in your own mind.



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### APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

If you are invited for an interview, we will send you an email with a choice of two interview dates and details of how to register for your preferred session.

All interviews for the BSc Veterinary Nursing Undergraduate programmes are held at Langford. They last 20 minutes and you will be interviewed by two experienced interviewers, at least one of whom will be a current member of clinical or teaching staff.

The interview day will also include a site tour and a presentation by the Course Programme Director.

On the day, you will have the opportunity to expand upon your personal statement by completing a written exercise about your proposed career choice and giving your reasons for choosing this degree.

You will have ample opportunity to ask questions throughout your interview session, but if you feel that you have forgotten something, please email [choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:choosebristol-ug@bristol.ac.uk) and they will direct your query to the relevant person.

Following your interview, the admissions team will make a decision, which will usually be available within two weeks via your UCAS track.

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