

Undergraduate study

Veterinary Nursing



Key highlights



Outstanding employability

100 per cent of surveyed veterinary nursing students were in work or further study within six months of graduation (latest DLHE data, 2016/17).



State-of-the-art facilities

Gain invaluable experience at our rural Langford campus, home to our small animal referral hospital and award-winning, internationally recognised clinical skills laboratory.



Professional accreditation

Gain direct entry to the RCVS Register of Veterinary Nurses. Our BSc Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour also fulfils the academic requirements needed to become a Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist (CCAB).*



Career progression

Many of our students go on to pursue advanced clinical nursing training or will undertake further practical training to become CCABs.

Why study veterinary nursing at Bristol?

The Bristol Veterinary School has been training veterinary professionals for more than 60 years. Our students benefit from a wide range of clinical environments and all of our nursing students spend time rotating around our specialist small animal referral hospital – a unique clinical experience. You will graduate with a University of Bristol Bachelor of Science degree and accreditation as a Registered Veterinary Nurse awarded by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

BSc Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour

This exciting course is the only UK veterinary nursing degree to be provisionally validated by the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) as fulfilling the academic requirements for accreditation as a CCAB.* You will study with lecturers who are at the forefront of research developments in companion animal behaviour and you will graduate with the specialist knowledge and practical skills required for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of problematic behaviours in companion animals. Alongside opportunities in clinical nursing, you will be ideally placed to work in behaviour and welfare for animal charities and the commercial sector or to continue your practical training to become a CCAB.

*Launched in 2018, this course is undergoing the normal process for validation with ASAB. Full validation is expected in 2022 (subject to satisfying ASAB's conditions) and should apply to all graduates of this course.

Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units
bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-vetnursing

What you will study

- Year one: fundamental concepts of anatomy and physiology, and the principles of nursing and pre-clinical science.
- Year two: anaesthesia and fluid therapy, surgical nursing and theatre practice, medical nursing, diagnostics and therapeutics, as well as units specific to each of the above degrees.
- Placement: to meet the clinical placement requirements of the RCVS, you will spend time in clinical practice during the vacation in years one and two. Usually this takes place close to your home.
- Year three: placement year spent in a first-opinion veterinary practice and in the referral hospital at Langford.
- Year four: compulsory units and a ten-week research project as well as units specific to each of the above degrees.

'The best thing about studying in Bristol is the amazing facilities!'

Lucy (Veterinary Nursing student)



In year three, you'll spend time in the veterinary hospital at Langford campus on our 255-hectare estate on the edge of the rural Mendips.



Bristol Veterinary School's Animal Welfare and Behaviour Group has been ranked the most successful of its kind in the last 50 years, in the world – with new research demonstrating that it's the most widely published and highly cited in the field of animal welfare (Freire and Nicol 2019).

Bristol's cutting-edge facilities and experts will prepare you for a diverse range of careers, with many of our graduates occupying senior roles in specialist referral practices across the UK.



Course

BSc Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour

Connect with the Bristol Veterinary School

 @Bristol_Vets

 bristol_vets

Photography

Nick Smith

© University of Bristol

This leaflet contains information for students planning to start university in autumn 2021. We have made every effort to ensure all details are correct at the time of going to press (May 2020). However, since this information is subject to change, you are advised to check the University's website, bristol.ac.uk/ug-study for the latest updates. Any sample units listed are indicative and offerings may change due to developments in the relevant academic field. Unit availability varies depending on staffing, student choice and timetabling constraints.

