

i. Programme Specification

1. Awarding institution	Royal College for Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
2. Teaching institution	n/a
3. Programme accredited by	RCVS
4. Final award	Certificate of Advanced Veterinary Practice
5. Programme Title	Certificate of Advanced Veterinary Practice (CertAVP)
6. Date of First Intake	March 2008
7. Frequency of Intake	Continuous
8. Duration and Mode(s) of Study	10 years max per module (6 modules for CertAVP)
9. Timing of Examination Board meetings	n/a
10. Date of Last Periodic Review	n/a
11. Date of Next Periodic Review	n/a
12. Entry Requirements	Need to be qualified for one year and have a veterinary degree which is recognised by the RCVS
13. UCAS code	tbc
14. JACS Code	tbc
15. Relevant QAA subject benchmark group(s)	n/a
16. Reference points	
n/a	
17. Educational aims of programme	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The aim of the qualification is to provide a modular route to a recognised level of attainment for practising veterinary surgeons, so that they may perform as competent independent practitioners, delivering a consistently high standard of practice to their clients. 2. The framework also aims to provide a structure for continuing professional development and lifelong learning. 	

18. Programme outcomes - the programme offers opportunities for students to achieve and demonstrate the following learning outcomes.

Candidates will need to demonstrate:

- a thorough understanding of the knowledge base and a critical awareness of developments at the forefront of their area of professional practice;
- a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own area of practice;
- originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and clinical enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in their professional area;
- conceptual understanding that enables them to
 - evaluate critically current literature and research in their professional area and
 - evaluate clinical methodologies and techniques, and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate to propose new approaches to professional practice.

Typically, holders of the qualification will be able to:

- deal with complex issues in an organised and creative manner, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate their conclusions clearly to veterinary colleagues and to non-veterinary audiences, including clients;
- demonstrate self direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks in their professional area of work;
- continue to advance their knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level;

Candidates will have the qualities and transferable skills necessary for professional veterinary work requiring:

- the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility;
- decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations; and
- the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.

Teaching/learning methods

Different per module – see Regs

19. Programme structures and requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards

Different per module – see Regs

20. Work Placement Requirements

n/a

ASSESSMENT

Different per module – see Regs