

**PROGRAMME
SPECIFICATION**

1. Applies to cohort commencing in:	2023						
2. Degree Granting Body	University of London						
3. Awarding institution	The Royal Veterinary College						
4. Teaching institution	The Royal Veterinary College						
5. Programme accredited by	N/A						
6. Name and title	Postgraduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Practice (PG Dip VCP). Pathways: Equine/Exotic Animal /Production Animal/Pathology/Small Animal						
7. Intermediate and Subsidiary Award(s)	N/A						
8. Course Management Team	Dr Stefano Cortellini (Course Director) Ass. Prof. Richard Booth (Deputy Course Director) Postgraduate Medicine Course Management Committee						
9. Level of Final Award	Level 7 See Office for Students (OfS) Sector-recognised standards						
10. Date of First Intake	Monday 27th June 2016						
11. Frequency of Intake	Annually in June						
12. Duration and Mode(s) of Study	54 weeks (usually), full time. Face to face.						
13. Registration Period (<i>must be in line with the General Regulations for Study and Award</i>)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Full Time</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Minimum</th> <th>Maximum</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12 months</td> <td>24 months</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Full Time		Minimum	Maximum	12 months	24 months
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14. Timing of Examination Board meetings	Annually in June						
15. Date of Last Periodic Review	June 2022						
16. Date of Next Periodic Review	2028 (Interim review due 2025)						
17. Language of study and assessment	English						
18. Entry Requirements	https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/internships/small-animal#tab-entry-requirements						
19. UCAS code	N/A						
20. HECoS Code	100531 – Veterinary Medicine						
21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark	N/A						
22. Other External Reference Points	Quality Assurance Agency, The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies, 2014 Office for Students (OfS) Sector-recognised standards						

23. Aims of programme

The programme aims to produce graduates:

- Eligible to use this award as a prerequisite for entry into European or American Veterinary Specialty Colleges
- Eligible to apply for a residency / senior clinical training scholarship (MVetMed/Professional Doctorate or equivalent programme)
- with critical analysis skills and experience in literature review and interpreting clinical research
- with excellent communication and small group teaching skills, who are able to take advantage of current developments in information technology
- With excellent clinical, non-clinical and transferrable skills, including reflection and self-directed learning, and able to provide standard of care patients' and clients' management in primary practice

24. Overall Programme Level Learning Outcomes - the programme offers opportunities for students to achieve and demonstrate the following learning outcomes. Learning outcomes should be specified for all intermediate awards as well as for the terminal award.

<p>Knowledge and understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clinical disciplines to a level higher than an undergraduate • pathophysiological principles related to the species and clinical context • related clinical disciplines • basic analysis of clinical or laboratory data • ethical and welfare issues relating to clinical practice, teaching and research • new developments in the relevant area of clinical expertise 	<p>Modules in which each learning outcome will be developed and assessed:</p> <p>All modules will develop and assess the learning outcomes.</p>
<p>Cognitive (thinking) skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Logic • Comprehension • Visual and auditory processing 	<p>All modules will develop and assess the learning outcomes.</p>
<p>Practical skills and Abilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency in dealing with complex clinical or diagnostic cases under supervision • Proficiency in dealing with emergency care • Comprehension of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures • Organisational skills • Interpersonal skills • An ability to communicate clearly to both scientific and non-scientific personnel 	<p>All modules will develop and assess the learning outcomes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Presentation skills, including ad hoc small group teaching • Information technology skills 	<p>All modules will develop and assess the learning outcomes.</p>

25. Teaching/learning methods	Approximate total number of hours
Participation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of clinical cases under supervision • Clinical rounds • Journal clubs • Friday morning seminars (Small Animal and Equine) • Intern specific seminars (and training days) (Production Animal) • Preparation and delivery of an oral presentation of 15 minute duration (e.g. for peer group or department) 	N/A
26. Assessment methods	Percentage of total assessment load
<p>Each module will be assessed by a case report and workplace based assessments (WPBA).</p> <p>For each module the student will need to complete a written case report.</p> <p>WPBA for each module; 1 x mini clinical evaluation exercise (MiniCEX) or 1 x Case Based Discussion (CbD)</p> <p>and either</p> <p>1 (additional) MiniCEX or 1 (additional) CbD or 1 x Direct Observation of Practical Skills (DOPS)</p> <p>Students may substitute 1 of above for 1 x Presentation Feedback in 2 modules (one for presenting journal club and will be assessed with the Journal Club assessment form, and one for presenting seminar, assessed with the College marking scheme for oral presentations).</p> <p>2 x Multi-Source Feedback will complete the requirements for each module.</p>	N/A
27. Feedback	
<p>Students will be given feedback throughout the course. Students will be given feedback for all case reports and WPBA. The WPBA will be used both formatively and summatively.</p>	

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

Term / Year	Module Title	Level	Credits	Compulsory or optional
PG Diploma VCP (Small Animal pathway)		7	120 Total	4 Compulsory
Year 1	Small Animal (SA) Medicine	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	SA Anaesthesia	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	SA Surgery	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	SA Diagnostic Imaging	7	30	Compulsory
PG Diploma VCP (Equine pathway)		7	120 Total	4 Compulsory
Year 1	Equine (EQ) Medicine	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	EQ Anaesthesia	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	EQ Surgery	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	EQ Diagnostic Imaging	7	30	Compulsory
PG Diploma VCP (Production Animal pathway)		7	120 Total	2 Compulsory + 2 Optional
Year 1	Production Animal (PA) Cattle 1 - Individual	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	PA Cattle 2 - Herd	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	PA Cattle 3 - Individual	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Cattle 4 - Herd	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Camelid 1 - Individual	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Camelid 2 - Herd	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Pig 1 - Individual	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Pig 2 - Herd	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Small Ruminant 1 - Individual	7	30	Optional
Year 1	PA Small Ruminant 2 – Flock	7	30	Optional
PG Diploma VCP (Exotic Animal pathway)		7	30	4 Compulsory
Year 1	Exotic Animal (EA) Small Mammals	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	EA Avian	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	EA Reptiles	7	30	Compulsory
Year 1	EA Zoo/Wildlife	7	30	Compulsory
29. Work Placement Requirements or Opportunities		N/A		

30. Student Support<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students>**31. Assessment**

Assessment and Award Regulations on RVC website:

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures>

Version Number	Amended by	Date
1.0	Postgraduate Course Support Manager	16.02.2021
1.1	Postgraduate Course Support Manager	25-02-2021
1.2	Postgraduate Course Support Manager	26-04-2021
1.3	Academic Quality Manager	27.04.2021
1.4	Academic Quality Manager	17.06.2021
1.5	Academic Quality Manager	05.04.2022
1.6	Course Director	23.07.2022
1.7	Academic Quality Manager	December 2022
1.8	Postgraduate Course Support Manager	May 2023