

**PROGRAMME  
SPECIFICATION**

<b>1. Applies to cohort commencing in:</b>	June 2019												
<b>2. Degree Granting Body</b>	University of London												
<b>3. Awarding institution</b>	The Royal Veterinary College												
<b>4. Teaching institution</b>	The Royal Veterinary College (University of London)												
<b>5. Programme accredited by</b>	N/A												
<b>6. Name and title</b>	Postgraduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Practice. Equine/Exotic Animal/Oncology/Production Animal/Pathology/Small Animal												
<b>7. Intermediate and Subsidiary Award(s)</b>	N/A												
<b>8. Course Management Team</b>	Dominic Barfield (Course Director) Zoë Halfacree (deputy Course Director)												
<b>9. FHEQ Level of Final Award</b>	See <a href="http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/qualifications-frameworks.pdf">http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/Publications/Documents/qualifications-frameworks.pdf</a>												
<b>10. Date of First Intake</b>	Monday 27th June 2016												
<b>11. Frequency of Intake</b>	Annually												
<b>12. Duration and Mode(s) of Study</b>	54 weeks (usually), full time												
<b>13. Registration Period (<i>must be in line with the General Regulations for Study and Award</i>)</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Full Time</th> <th colspan="2">Part Time</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Minimum</th> <th>Maximum</th> <th>Minimum</th> <th>Maximum</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12 mnths</td> <td>24 mnths</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Full Time		Part Time		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	12 mnths	24 mnths	N/A	N/A
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<b>14. Timing of Examination Board meetings</b>	Annually												
<b>15. Date of Last Periodic Review</b>	N/A												
<b>16. Date of Next Periodic Review</b>	N/A [First cohort review 2019/20]												
<b>17. Language of study and assessment</b>	English												
<b>18. Entry Requirements</b>	Hyperlink to definitive current entry requirements on <a href="https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/internships/small-animal#tab-entry-requirements">https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/internships/small-animal#tab-entry-requirements</a>												
<b>19. UCAS code</b>	N/A												
<b>20. HECoS Code</b>	100531 – Veterinary Medicine												
<b>21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark</b>	N/A												
<b>22. Other External Reference Points</b>													
FHEQ level 7													
<b>23. Aims of programme</b>													

The programme aims to produce graduates:

- Eligible to use as a prerequisite for entry into European or American Veterinary Specialty Colleges
- Eligible to apply for a residency / senior clinical training scholarship (MVetMed 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

**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.**

**Knowledge and understanding of:**

- 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

**Cognitive (thinking) skills:**

- Planning
- Logic
- Comprehension
- Visual and auditory processing

**Practical skills and Abilities:**

- 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
- Basic Presentation skills, including ad hoc small group teaching
- Information technology skills

Modules in which each learning outcome will be developed and assessed:

All modules will develop and assess the learning outcomes.

**25. Teaching/learning methods**

**Approximate total number of hours**

Participation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of clinical cases under supervision</li> <li>• Clinical rounds</li> <li>• Journal clubs</li> <li>• Friday morning seminars (Small Animal and Equine)</li> <li>• Intern specific seminars (and training days Production Animal)</li> <li>• Preparation and delivery of an oral presentation of 15 minute duration (e.g. for peer group or department)</li> </ul>	N/A
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<b>26. Assessment methods</b>	<b>Percentage of total assessment load</b>
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<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 of 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
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<b>27. Feedback</b>
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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.

<b>28. Programme structures and requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards</b>
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	Module Title	FHEQ Level	Credits	Compulsory or optional
Year 1	Small Animal (SA) Medicine	7	30	C
Year 1	SA Anaesthesia	7	30	c

Year 1	SA Surgery	7	30	C
Year 1	SA Diagnostic Surgery	7	30	C
Year 1	Oncological (ONC) Medicine	7	30	C
Year 1	ONC Anaesthesia	7	30	C
Year 1	ONC Surgery	7	30	C
Year 1	ONC Diagnostic Imaging	7	30	C
Year 1	Equine (EQ) Medicine	7	30	C
Year 1	EQ Anaesthesia	7	30	C
Year 1	EQ Surgery	7	30	C
Year 1	EQ Diagnostic Imaging	7	30	C
Year 1	Production Animal (PA) Cattle 1	7	30	C
Year 1	PA Cattle 2	7	30	C
Year 1	PA Cattle 3	7	30	O
Year 1	PA Cattle 4	7	30	O
Year 1	PA Small Ruminant	7	30	O
Year 1	PA Camelid	7	30	O
Year 1	Exotic Animal (EA) Small Mammals	7	30	C
Year 1	EA Avian	7	30	C
Year 1	EA Reptiles	7	30	C
Year 1	EA Zoo/Wildlife	7	30	C
Year 1	Large Animal (LA) Medicine	7	30	C
Year 1	LA Surgery	7	30	C
Year 1	LA Anaesthesia	7	30	C
Year 1	LA Diagnostic Imaging	7	30	C
<b>29. Work Placement Requirements or Opportunities</b>		N/A		
<b>30. Student Support</b>		<a href="http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students">http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students</a>		
<b>31. Assessment</b>		Hyperlink to A&A Regs <a href="https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures#panel-course-assessment-and-award-regulations-2019-20">https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures#panel-course-assessment-and-award-regulations-2019-20</a>		

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1 – added Subsidiary awards to section 7	Sandra Ward	30/04/19