

Introduction to the RVC

➤ Royal Veterinary College
University of London

Welcome to the RVC

- **The RVC is committed to the three pillars of its mission**
 - Education
 - Discovery and translation of new knowledge
 - Delivery of the very best clinical care and opinion
 - **Established in 1791**
 - 1st Veterinary School in the English speaking world
 - #1 Vet School in World (QS 2025)
 - London top student city in the world (QS Best Student Cities 2025)
 - **Approx. 2,545 students**
 - Small and friendly but big enough to have outstanding expertise & facilities
 - Global outlook students from 71 countries / staff from 94 countries
 - **Best of both worlds; city and countryside**
 - Camden Campus, London
 - Hawkshead Campus, Hertfordshire
- RVC** University of London
- Over 250,000 students

Our Courses

- Royal Veterinary College
University of London

Our Courses

> Biological Sciences

- > BSc Animal Biology, Behaviour, Welfare and Ethics
- > BSc or MSci Biological Sciences
- > BSc or MSci Bioveterinary Sciences
- > BSc Biological or Bioveterinary Sciences with Placement Year
- > BSc or MSci Biological Sciences (Wildlife Health Sciences)
- > MSci Applied Biological / Bioveterinary Research

> Veterinary Medicine

- > Veterinary Gateway
- > Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed)(5 Years)
- > Veterinary Science (BVSc)(5 Years)
- > Accelerated Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed)(4 Years)

> Veterinary Nursing

- > FdSc Veterinary Nursing (3 Years)
- > BSc Veterinary Nursing (4 Years)

> Taught Postgraduate

- > MSc One Health: ecosystems, humans and animals
[Taught with LSHTM]
- > MSc Veterinary Epidemiology
[Taught with LSHTM]
- > MSc Wild Animal Biology
[Taught with ZSL]
- > MSc Wild Animal Health
[Taught with ZSL]
- > MSc Veterinary Education
- > Postgraduate Certificate in Veterinary Clinical Studies
- > Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing [Blended Teaching]
- > Graduate Diploma in Equine Locomotor Research [Blended Teaching]

Biological Sciences (BSc/MSci)

> UK accreditation;



Accredited
Degree

- **Accreditation:** Royal Society of Biology
 - BSc Biological Sciences
 - BSc Bioveterinary Sciences
 - BSc Animal Biology, Behaviour, Welfare and Ethics
 - BSc Biological Sciences (Wildlife Health Sciences)



Advanced
Accredited
Degree

- **Advanced Accreditation:** Royal Society of Biology
 - MSci in Bioveterinary Sciences
 - MSci in Biological Sciences
 - MSci Applied Biological Research
 - MSci Applied Bioveterinary Research
 - MSci Biological Sciences (Wildlife Health Sciences)

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed)

> International accreditation, enabling our graduates to work worldwide;



- **UK:** Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), accredited
 - Can automatically register on graduation



- **South Africa & Australasia:** Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC) & South African Veterinary Council (SAVC)
 - Can register to practice in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa without requiring any further qualifications



- **North America:** American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
 - AVMA require North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) examination pass, irrespective of where your degree is from



- **Europe:** European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), accredited
 - Allows graduates to register to practise in Europe without requiring any further qualifications

Veterinary Nursing (FdSc)

> UK/European accreditation;



- **UK:** Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), accredited
 - After successful completion of the FdSc or third year of the BSc Veterinary Nursing, candidates can register as a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN)



- **Europe:** Accreditation Committee for Veterinary Nursing Education (ACOVENE)
 - After successful completion of the FdSc or third year of the BSc Veterinary Nursing, candidates can register with the EU

Application Process

- Royal Veterinary College
University of London

Applying (edit here)

> Research to find your Best Fit

- Prospectuses
- Websites
- Social Media Channels
- Virtual/Visiting Opportunities

> Veterinary Medical College Admissions Service (VMCAS): North American University Students

- Online (<https://vmcas.liasoncas.com>) from January
- **Deadline:** Mid September

> Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS): Non-North American University Students

- Online (www.ucas.com) from September
- 5 courses (4 medical courses + 1)
- **Veterinary Deadline:** Mid October
- **Biological Sciences, Veterinary Gateway & Veterinary Nursing Deadline:** Mid January

Entry Requirements: BSc/MSci Biological Sciences

Qualification	Grade Requirements	Subject Requirements
GCSE	Grade 6/B or above in:	Combined Science or two individual sciences (if taken separately), English Language & Mathematics
A-Level	BBB or ABB	BBB including one of Biology or Chemistry and a second science from Biology, Chemistry, Maths or Physics (pass required in the science practical, where applicable) OR ABB including A in Biology or Chemistry (pass required in the science practical, where applicable) Offers of a grade below in each subject (e.g. BCC/CCC) may be made to those meeting certain Widening Participation (WP) criteria
International Baccalaureate (IB)	HL: 555 or HL: 655	555 including Biology or Chemistry plus one of Biology, Chemistry, Maths or Physics OR 655 including grade 6 in Biology or Chemistry
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	DDD	Applied Science OR Applied Science (Biomedical Science): Specific units & unit grades required
City & Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	DDD	Animal Management (Science): Specific units & unit grades required



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Entry Requirements: Veterinary Gateway [D190]

Eligibility:

Meet the Widening Participation (WP) criteria

Qualification	Grade Requirements	Subject Requirements
GCSE	At least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/C	Grade 4/C or above in: Mathematics, English Language, Combined Science OR Biology & Chemistry.
A-Level	CCC	Biology, Chemistry & any other subject (excl. General Studies) (pass required in the science practical, where applicable)
International Baccalaureate (IB)	HL: 444	Biology, Chemistry & one other subject
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	DDM	Applied Science OR Applied Science (Biomedical Science): Specific units & grades required
City & Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	DDM	Animal Management (Science): Specific units & grades required



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Entry Requirements: BVetMed [D100/101] & BVSc [D105]

Qualification	Grade Requirements	Subject Requirements
GCSE	At least 5 GCSEs at Grade 7/A	Grade 7/A or above in: Combined Science OR Biology & Chemistry. Grade B/6 or above: English Language & Mathematics
A-Level	AAA	Biology, Chemistry & any other subject (excl. General Studies)(pass required in the science practical, where applicable)
International Baccalaureate (IB)	HL: 666	Biology, Chemistry & one other subject
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	D*D*D*	Applied Science, Biomedical Science OR Animal Management (Specific units & unit grades required)
City & Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	D*D*D*	Animal Management (Science) (Specific units & unit grades required)
Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers	Advanced Highers at grades AA in: Biology & Chemistry. In addition to 5 Highers at AAAAB grades including: Biology & Chemistry and at least National 5* grade B in: English & Maths	
Irish Leaving Certificate	H1,H1,H2,H2,H2,H2 including Biology and Chemistry. H1 required in one of these sciences and minimum O3 is required in: English & Mathematics	
USA High School	Graduate High School with at least three full-year Advanced Placement examinations at grade 555 including Biology and Chemistry. Please note you must be taking official AP exams, not just the classes. Check website for ACT/SAT combos.	
Canadian High School	Pass the Province Diploma/Certificate typically with a 85% average across Grade 12 and Bio & Chem, plus 73% in Maths & English	
HKDSE	555 in Bio, Chem and one other elective, plus grade 4 in Maths & grade 5 in English core subjects.	
Access to HE Diploma	Diplomas must be Science-based and include a minimum of 15 Level 3 credits in Biology at Distinction and 15 Level 3 credits in Chemistry at Distinction. You must achieve at least Merit in all other graded Level 3 credits.	
French Baccalauréat	Pass the Baccalauréat général with 14 overall. 14 required in Earth & Life Sciences and Physics-Chemistry, both of which need to be one's enseignements de spécialité and taken through to terminale. Mathematics needs to be sat in the penultimate year, and grade 12 achieved. [OIB Anglais: if 14 is achieved in English, no further English language qualification is required]	

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Entry Requirements: Accelerated BVetMed [D102]

Qualification	Grade Requirements	Subject Requirements
GCSE [If applying through UCAS]	Grade 4/C	English Language & Mathematics
Science Degree	2:1 honours	<p>Biological science related subjects e.g. Anatomical Sciences, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Bioveterinary Sciences, Physiology, Veterinary Nursing & Zoology</p> <p>Prerequisite Classes Required: At Least 9 Upper Level Semester Credits [e.g. 300-400 level] in: Biology/Biological Science (e.g. Advanced Microbiology, Advanced Genetics, Anatomy/Physiology, Genetics, Histology, Immunology & Parasitology and so on)</p> <p>3 Semester Credits also required in: Anatomy/Physiology Biochemistry Biology (e.g. Principles of Biology, Introductory Biology) - AP credits accepted for this requirement Mathematics- AP credits accepted for this requirement Organic Chemistry</p> <p>[Quarter-Credit System: 1 Semester = 1.5 Quarter Credits / Canadian 0.5 credits: Typically = 3 credits]</p>
North American Science Degree	<p>Overall GPA and Science GPA of at least 3.4 NB: Typically 80-84%</p>	<p>Prerequisite Classes Required: At Least 9 Upper Level Semester Credits [e.g. 300-400 level] in: Biology/Biological Science (e.g. Advanced Microbiology, Advanced Genetics, Anatomy/Physiology, Genetics, Histology, Immunology & Parasitology and so on)</p> <p>3 Semester Credits also required in: Anatomy/Physiology Biochemistry Biology (e.g. Principles of Biology, Introductory Biology) - AP credits accepted for this requirement Mathematics- AP credits accepted for this requirement Organic Chemistry</p> <p>[Quarter-Credit System: 1 Semester = 1.5 Quarter Credits / Canadian 0.5 credits: Typically = 3 credits]</p>



Entry Requirements: FdSc Veterinary Nursing [D310]

Qualification	Grade Requirements	Subject Requirements
GCSE	At least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/C	Grade 4/C: English Language, Mathematics & a Science
A-Level	CC OR CDD	Grade C: Biology (pass required in the science practical, where applicable)
International Baccalaureate (IB)	HL: 443	Biology (4) & two other subjects
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	MMM	Applied Science OR Applied Science (Biomedical Science): Specific units & unit grades required
City & Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	MMM	Animal Management (Science): Specific units & unit grades required



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Entry Requirements: BSc Veterinary Nursing [D313]

Qualification	Grade Requirements	Subject Requirements
GCSE	At least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4/C	Grade 6/B: English Language, Mathematics & 6-5 in Combined Science or B/C in Science (Double Award) or 6/B in one of: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science or Additional Science.
A-Level	BCC	Grade B: Biology (with passes in the science practical, if applicable)
International Baccalaureate (IB)	HL: 544	Biology (5) & two other subjects
BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma	DDM	Applied Science OR Applied Science (Biomedical Science): Specific units & unit grades required
City & Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	DDM	Animal Management (Science): Specific units & unit grades required



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Veterinary In-Person Work Experience

- In person work Experience Required for **BVetMed/BVSc** can be voluntary or paid experience.
- By the time of application:
 - **70 hours of clinical work experience** in veterinary practice(s) within 18 months.
 - **70 hours of non-clinical (animal handling) experience** in one or more non-clinical working environments with live animals within 18 months (excluding pet ownership). ***NB: BVSc requires 35 hours of the non-clinical experience to be with large animals.***

NB: Experience within a family business can typically count for up to 35 hours when supported with an independent reference and legal documentation.

- References covering the full 140 hours will be required.
- Applicant Supplementary Form **must** be completed 5 days after being requested.

Veterinary Nursing In-Person Work Experience

- › In person work Experience Required for **Veterinary Nursing** can be voluntary or paid experience.
- › By the time of application*:
 - 70 hours of clinical work experience in small animal or mixed veterinary practice(s).
- › References covering the full 70 hours will be required
- › Applicant Supplementary Form must be completed within 5 days of receiving
- › *Preference is given to those who have completed all required work experience by the application deadline. Applications are still encouraged from those whose work experience is ongoing, but to be considered for interview, you must have completed at least 35 hours in a small animal or mixed veterinary practice.

Reference

RVC

RVC Royal
Veterinary
College
University of London

Royal Veterinary College
Hawkshead Lane, North
Mymms
Hertfordshire
AL9 7TA

RVC Admissions
4 Royal College Street
Kings Cross
NW1 0TU

25 November 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this email to confirm that Joe Bloggs completed his work experience with us from 11 November 2018 to 25 November 2018.

Joe was involved in the preparation and cleaning of consultation rooms, assisting staff in the day-to-day running of the practice and completed inventories of drug and food stores. Joe took a keen interest in the surgeries that he was able to shadow and I was impressed with his eagerness to learn as much as he could while with us.

In total, Joe completed 150 hours of experience over this time and was a real pleasure to work with. We look forward to having him back again after the new year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,



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Supplementary Form: Gateway, BVetMed & Vet Nursing

- > **Deadline: 5 days after it has been emailed to applicants**
- > **Typically Asks For Work Experience Information including:**
 - Location/Contact Details of Work Experience Placement
 - Dates & Duration of Work Experience
 - Work Experience Duties
- > **Short Answer Questions e.g. 300 words:**
 - Follow Instructions
 - Approach like Personal Statements (but don't copy paste)
 - Preparation
- > **The RVC does NOT require Admissions Examinations e.g. BMAT, GRE, UCAT, MCAT etc.**

- > **Our Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) has an online Supplementary Form, that is NOT emailed to candidates and is separate to our BVetMed Supplementary Form.**

What are we looking for?

- › **Insight and understanding of the profession**
- › **Demonstration of motivation towards the profession**
- › **Possess a passion and dedication towards the profession**
- › **Skills and characteristics that demonstrate suitability for the profession**

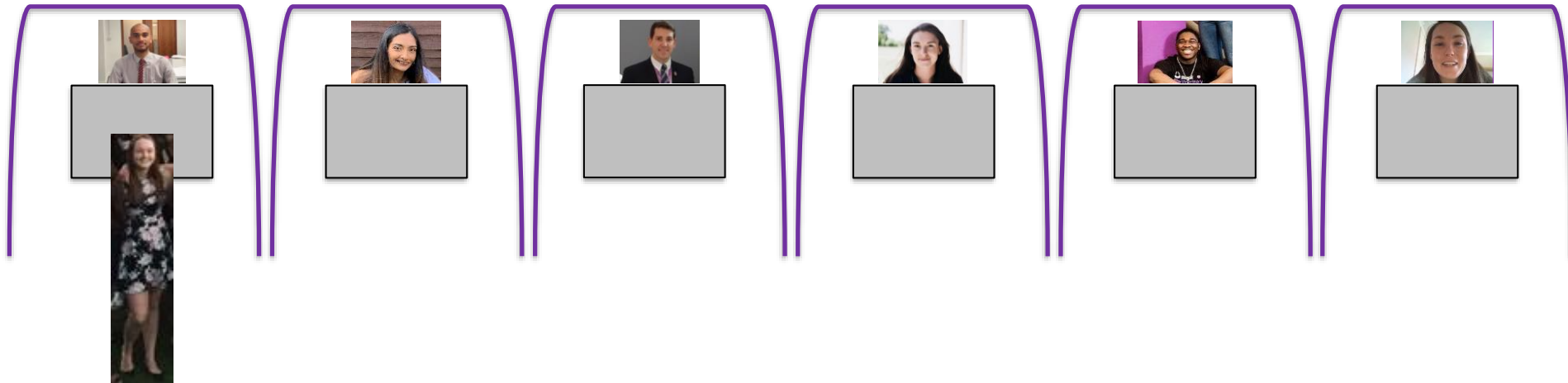
Gateway, BVetMed & Veterinary Nursing Interviews

> In-person

- **BVetMed**: London (Dec/Jan), **Gateway**: London (Jan/Feb) & **Veterinary Nursing**: Hertfordshire (Feb/March)

> Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI)

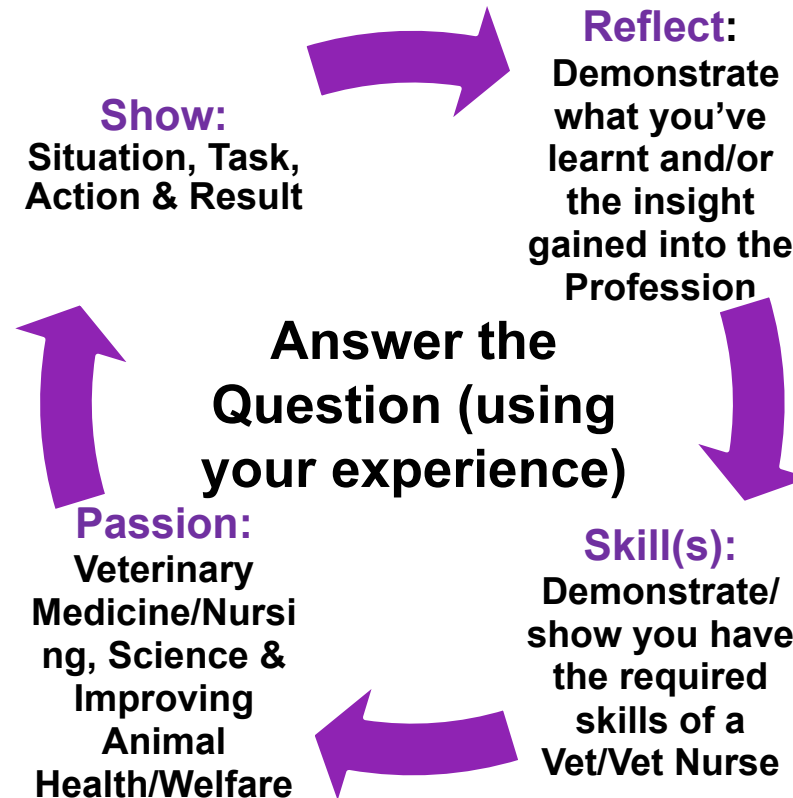
- An interview format that uses short independent assessments, in a timed circuit, to obtain an aggregate score of each candidate's non-academic attributes (not a test of academic knowledge) and suitability for the course.
- Six 5 minute Stations (with 2 minute breaks) each one assessing various skills



RVC Interviews: Multi-Mini Station & Group

> Possible Example Questions/Topics

- Work experience – in detail as will be pushed
- Problem Solving Scenarios



Visit Us:

Meet Us:

> We aim to inspire and support the next generation of RVC students and their supporters through the design and delivery of a range of programmes/interventions that provide passionate, pro-active, professional and comprehensively tailored advice and guidance, as well as ensuring that our admissions processes are as transparent as possible. All of which are designed to help empower students so that they can make an informed decision and fulfil their potential and join the RVC.



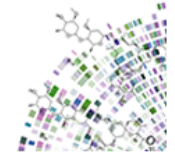
NIGHT AT THE VET COLLEGE



FARM VETERINARY SUMMER SCHOOL
(AGED 16+)



DISCOVERY SERIES



OPEN DAY



PRE-VET SUMMER SCHOOL
(AGED 16+)



GET YOUR GRADES
(YEARS 10-11)



OPEN HOUSE



UCAS/UK UNISEARCH EXHIBITIONS



RVC



TASTER COURSES




VISITS TO SCHOOLS



Visit Us: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- > The RVC is dedicated to being an organisation in which equity, diversity and inclusion underpin all that we do. Therefore, we deliver more targeted activities for local and under-represented individuals, as we believe students from every background should be able to access advice, guidance and support in order to help them progress to and benefit from the transformative experience of higher education. For more information on our commitment to improve equality of opportunity for under-represented groups please read our Access & Participation Plan (APP): www.rvc.ac.uk/study/rvc-is-open-for-all/access-and-participation



AFTERNOON ANATOMY
(YEARS 10-12)



YEAR 10 EASTER SCHOOL



VISITS TO SCHOOLS




ANIMAL ASPIRATIONS



YEAR 11 VACATION SCHOOL



SCHOOL TRIPS TO THE RVC



RVC SUTTON TRUST SUMMER SCHOOL
(YEAR 12)



WORK EXPERIENCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME



Questions

› Admissions Questions

- admissions@rvc.ac.uk / +44 20 7468 5149

› General Questions

- schools@rvc.ac.uk / +44 20 7468 1257

- **NB: All of the information contained in this document is true and accurate at the time of delivery but is subject to change. Entry requirements are determined based on the academic standard that is needed to successfully complete the course and have been compiled based on our experience of the qualification(s) and the success of students who have previously undertaken the course. Furthermore, we are constantly looking to develop our curriculums through student and academic feedback and research.**

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