

ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

DESCRIPTION

Embark on a fulfilling and thrilling journey as a veterinary nurse. Your role entails assisting veterinarians and delivering top-notch animal care to a diverse range of creatures. With your empathy and expertise, you can establish yourself as an invaluable member of any veterinary facility.

The Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing requires access to patients (animals), clients, medical and surgical cases, veterinary staff, and practice policies and procedures.

You must have completed at least 240 hours of work placement to achieve this qualification.

The scope of practice for veterinary nurses is determined by state and territory legislative and regulatory requirements. Users of this qualification must refer to the relevant legislation and regulations in the development of training and assessment strategies.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy, and Numeracy (LL&N) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, candidates require:

- Certificate II in Animal Studies, or
- a relevant Certificate III or higher-level qualification in an animal science discipline, or
- demonstrate equivalent skills and knowledge in a relevant animal science discipline to any of the above qualifications.
- proof of employment in a Veterinary Clinic or evidence of a work placement agreement with a veterinary clinic to complete the minimum 240 work placement hours as stated in the qualification description.

DELIVERY DETAILS

| Location(s) | Duration* | Study mode |
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| Casuarina Katherine Alice Springs Nhulunbuy Palmerston Remote | 6 months – 2 years (Full time) 1 - 4 years (Part-time) | Blended |

* Duration will vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

FEES

| Fee Type | 2025 Course Fees |
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| NT Government Supported* | \$4,876.60 - \$4,958.00 |
| Full Fee | \$17,265.80 - \$17,554.00 |

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic eligible students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, refer to [VET RPL](#).

RESOURCES

For the course, it is a requirement to use the BSAVA Textbook of Veterinary Nursing 6th Edition for the duration of the studies. This can be obtained online or by arrangement with CDU. These textbooks provide the underpinning knowledge required for the units of competency. This course will also require access to the Internet and a suitable device.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to ACM50219 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (not on CDU scope). Upon completing this qualification, credit(s) may be available in Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Veterinary Nurse

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, a total of twenty-one (21) units of competency must be completed, comprising seventeen (17) core and four (04) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below.

CORE UNITS

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| ACMGAS307 | Identify animal anatomy and physiology for animal care work |
| ACMGAS308 | Communicate effectively with clients and team members |
| ACMINF301 | Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work |
| ACMVET202 | Carry out daily practice routines |
| ACMVET401 | Coordinate veterinary reception duties |
| ACMVET402 | Apply imaging routines |
| ACMVET403 | Perform clinical pathology procedures |
| ACMVET404 | Perform practice office procedures |
| ACMVET405 | Coordinate and perform surgical nursing routines |
| ACMVET406 | Nurse animals |

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| ACMVET407 | Carry out medical nursing routines |
| ACMVET408 | Provide nutritional advice and support for animals |
| ACMVET409 | Provide specific animal care advice |
| ACMVET410 | Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures |
| ACMVET413 | Prepare for anaesthesia and monitor animal anaesthesia and analgesia |
| ACMVET416 | Assist with the preparation of veterinary drugs and poisons |
| ACMWHS301 | Contribute to workplace health and safety processes |

ELECTIVE UNITS (select 4)

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| HLTAID011 | Provide First Aid |
| ACMSUS401 | Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices |
| ACMSPE305 | Provide basic care of domestic cats |
| ACMSPE304 | Provide basic care of domestic dogs |
| ACMSPE310 | Provide basic care of mammals |
| ACMSPE312 | Provide basic care of rodents and rabbits |

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

CONTACT DETAILS

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