



**HARTPURY**  
UNIVERSITY

# VETERINARY NURSING

## WORK EXPERIENCE LOG BOOK

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**You will be required to complete the required skills and gain a witness signature in each box to meet the conditions of your offer for either BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing or BSc (Hons) Equine Veterinary Nursing.**

Please ensure you complete all required fields.

Once completed, you will need to upload your logbook using the link provided.

Your full name



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## Part 1 - Skills to complete in any environment:

- Examples include kennels, cattery, pet shops, commercial equine yards, rescue charities, farm parks.
- Skills to be witnessed and signed by a qualified professional.
- Some of the skills in this section may have been completed as part of a qualification such as a level 3 diploma in animal/equine management. These may be signed off by your tutor.
- You are expected to gain skills in your chosen pathway if you have applied for both programmes, please complete both sets of skills.

	<b>BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing students to complete</b>	<b>BSc (Hons) Equine Veterinary Nursing students to complete</b>															
<b>Handling and Husbandry Skills</b>	<p><b>Handle a range of animals to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dog (range of breeds)</li> <li>• cat (range of breeds)</li> <li>• rodents (range of species)</li> <li>• rabbits</li> <li>• reptiles (range of species)</li> </ul> <p><b>Manage the environment for a range of species to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dogs</li> <li>• cats</li> <li>• rodents and/or rabbits</li> <li>• reptiles</li> </ul>	<p><b>Handle a range of horses/ponies to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A competition horse (includes riding club horses)</li> <li>• Horses/ponies of a range of sizes</li> <li>• A horse/pony new to handling and training</li> <li>• Lunge a horse/pony</li> <li>• Trot up a horse/pony</li> </ul> <p><b>Manage the environment for horses/ponies to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabled horse/ponies (shavings/paper/straw)</li> <li>• Horse/pony on box rest</li> <li>• Horse/pony turned out</li> </ul>															
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<b>Administering Medications</b>	Administer an oral drug or apply a topical cream/ointment within a professional setting e.g. a worm tablet or spot-on (veterinary practice, kennels, charity/rescue) – to be supervised	Administer an oral drug or apply a topical cream/ointment to a horse or pony within a professional setting e.g. a wormer or oral sachet added to feed (Veterinary practice, Livery/competition yard, equine charity/rescue) – to be supervised.
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<b>Communication</b>	Demonstrate good teamworking and communication skills e.g. in a customer services or volunteer role – to be witnessed.
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<b>Career research</b>	<b>RCVS – I want to be a veterinary nurse:</b> <a href="https://animalowners.rcvs.org.uk/veterinary-careers/i-want-to-be-a-veterinary-nurse/">https://animalowners.rcvs.org.uk/veterinary-careers/i-want-to-be-a-veterinary-nurse/</a> <input type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>BNVA – careers advice:</b> <a href="https://bvna.org.uk/careers/">https://bvna.org.uk/careers/</a> <input type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>Pay and working hours:</b> <a href="https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/veterinary-nurse">https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/veterinary-nurse</a> <input type="checkbox"/>				
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**Part 2 - Skills to complete in a veterinary practice environment:**

- Skills to be witnessed and signed by a veterinary nurse, veterinary surgeon or veterinary practice manager.

	<b>BSc (Hons) Veterinary Nursing students to complete</b>	<b>BSc (Hons) Equine Veterinary Nursing students to complete</b>
<b>Supervised Basic Nursing Care</b>	<b>Assist with the care of a hospitalised patient(s), feeding, maintain cleanliness, assist with procedures (X-ray, consultation).</b>	<b>Assist with the care of a hospitalised patient(s), feeding, maintain cleanliness, assist with procedures (X-ray, consultation).</b>
	<b>Complete patient records e.g. record observations and care.</b>	<b>Complete patient records e.g. record observations and care.</b>
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<b>Supervised Surgery experience</b>	<b>Observe a surgical procedure involving anaesthesia.</b>	<b>Observe a surgical procedure involving anaesthesia.</b>
	<b>Clean instruments after a surgical procedure.</b>	<b>Clean instruments after a surgical procedure.</b>
	<b>Clean the theatre environment, to include mopping the floor, cleaning the surfaces, and emptying waste bins.</b>	<b>Clean the theatre environment, to include mopping the floor, cleaning the surfaces, and emptying waste bins.</b>
	<b>Name of witness</b>	
	<b>Veterinary Practice Name</b>	
	<b>Job title</b>	
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	<b>Date skills completed</b>	

<b>Supervised Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interact with the veterinary team.</b></li> <li>• <b>Shadow the veterinary nursing team.</b></li> <li>• <b>Observe a client interaction.</b></li> <li>• <b>Talk to a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) and ask them about their role and career.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interact with the veterinary team.</b></li> <li>• <b>Shadow the veterinary nursing team.</b></li> <li>• <b>Observe a client interaction.</b></li> <li>• <b>Talk to a Registered Veterinary Nurse (RVN) and ask them about their role and career.</b></li> </ul>				
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**Note to witnesses** – *You are signing to say the individual has completed the task. In some cases, Hartpury University may contact witnesses for confirmation of the completion of the skills, but there is no expectation that you take legal responsibility for the applicant's competence.*