

ACM40412 - CERTIFICATE IV IN VETERINARY NURSING

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ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification is for people wanting to work with animals within a veterinary clinic or those already employed in the care of animals as a veterinary nurse.

The qualification helps you develop the skills needed to perform veterinary nursing duties in a variety of workplace situations under minimal supervision. Duties include patient admission and discharge, office procedures, radiography, pathology, surgery, dental procedures, nursing animals and providing animal care advice to the public.

By completing this qualification you will be able to work in a team environment with veterinarians and other veterinary nurses to supply quality care to a range of sick and injured animals. You will be able to work safely in a variety of locations including examination rooms, surgical theatres, offices and outdoor animal facilities.

Work placement is a requirement for this course. You are required to complete a minimum 480hrs in a workplace in order to complete the practical aspects of the course. You will need to be reasonably physically fit to undertake the work placement as the tasks and activities associated with the work placement involve handling animals and may involve manual lifting.

“I could work at night, or first thing in the morning whatever suited my day”

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT AND SHEEP STATION MANAGER

COMPLETION OF YOUR COURSE

Upon successful completion of this course, you will receive a nationally recognised ACM40412 - Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing from TAFE NSW

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TYPES OF ROLES

Gain roles such as;

- Veterinary nurse

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To give yourself the best chance of success in this course it is recommended that you have worked in the animal care industry and/or completed a certificate II level or higher animal care course. It is also suggested that you secure work placement before enrolling.

MINIMUM AGE

Minimum age of 16 years. If you are under 18 your application must be signed by a parent or guardian

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

If English is not your First language and you did not complete the last two years of secondary education in English, you are required to provide evidence of English language competency before enrolling into the course.

Examples of appropriate evidence are listed below:

EVIDENCE	EXAMPLE
IELTS	Overall score of 5.5
TOEFL	530 (paper), 197 (computer) or 71 (internet)
Evidence of 12 months in English-speaking employment	Testimonial or statutory declaration

FEES

How much is the course?*

Fee for service – people not eligible for government subsidies: \$10,840

NSW Government: subsidised prices (Smart and Skilled)

- First qualification: \$2,770
- Second qualification: \$3,240
- Traineeship (new entrants only): \$1,000
- Concession: \$240
- Exemption: \$0

* Your government subsidised fee and your eligibility for concessions, exemptions and scholarships, are all calculated and confirmed during the enrolment process.

Call us on 1300 823 366 for further information and advice.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

You will need access to a computer and the internet to complete this course. Minimum specifications for your computer are:

- Microsoft Windows 7 or later or Mac OS X or above
- Microsoft Office (free download for TAFE NSW enrolled students)
- Up-to-date internet browser

You may also need access to a printer and the following applications:

- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download)
- Adobe Flash Player (free download)

Course timeframe and commitment

You have up to 24 months to complete this course. This course will take around 15 hours a week of study and work placement based on 96 weeks of participation. If you have industry, experience and knowledge may find you complete more rapidly.

As you are studying flexibly, this is a guide only and if you feel you are unable to complete within this timeframe, please discuss with your teacher.

Delivery mode

The ACM40412 - Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing is offered through TAFEnow and delivery is online which involves training and assessment using web-based materials where you are supported and guided in your learning by teachers with interaction by email, phone calls, forums and chat groups. You also have access to support services support.

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN

An Individual Learning Plan will be developed in consultation with you, your employer (if applicable) and TAFE Digital. This will include the units/modules to be completed, the method of assessment and the learning and assessment time frames. You will also be provided with a copy of your Individual Learning Plan

UNITS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

Listed below are the units you will be required to successfully complete to achieve this qualification. This also provides information on how each unit will be assessed.

You are required to complete all core units as listed. For this qualification there are 19 core units.

In addition you are required to complete 4 elective units.

For more information on the units of competency below visit <http://training.gov.au>

CORE UNITS

Unit code	Unit title	Assessment Methods
ACMGAS202A	Participate in Workplace Communications	Theory and practical
ACMGAS204A	Feed and Water Animals	Theory and practical
ACMGAS205A	Assist in Health Care of Animals	Theory and practical
ACMGAS208A	Source information for animal care needs	Theory and practical
ACMINF301A	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal work	Theory and practical
ACMVET201A	Carry out veterinary nursing reception duties	Theory and practical
ACMVET202A	Carry out daily clinic routines	Theory and practical
ACMVET203A	Assist with surgery preparation	Theory and practical
ACMVET401A	Coordinate patient admission and discharge	Theory and practical
ACMVET403A	Perform clinic pathology procedures	Theory and practical
ACMVET404A	Perform clinic office procedures	Theory and practical
ACMVET405A	Carry out surgical nursing routines	Theory and practical
ACMVET406A	Nurse animals	Theory and practical
ACMVET407A	Carry out medical nursing routines	Theory and practical
ACMVET408A	Coordinate and perform theatre routines	Theory and practical
ACMVET409A	Provide specific animal care advice	Theory and practical
ACMVET410A	Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures	Theory and practical
ACMWHS301A	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes	Theory and practical

ELECTIVE UNITS

Choose a total of 4 electives from this group. *Refer to the course website for any further additions.

Unit code	Unit title	Assessment Methods
ACMSPE304A	Provide basic care of dogs	Theory and practical
ACMGAS301A	Maintain & monitor animal health & wellbeing	Theory and practical
ACMGAS302A	Provide enrichment for animals Needs	Theory and practical
ACMGAS303A	Plan for & provide nutritional requirements for animals	Theory and practical

TIMETABLE OR ORDER OF STUDIES

The ACM40412 - Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing has 23 units - 19 core units and 4 elective units.

We recommend you study your units in the following order. This sequence of delivery has been determined to group units and provide you with the best outcome.

Unit code	Unit title
ACMGAS205A	Assist in General Animal Care
ACMWHS301A	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
ACMVET404A	Perform clinic office procedures
ACMVET201A	Carry out veterinary nursing reception duties
ACMINF301A	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal work
ACMGAS208A	Source Information for Animal Care Needs
ACMVET409A	Provide specific animal care advice
ACMGAS204A	Feed and water animals
ACMGAS202A	Participate in workplace communications
ACMVET401A	Coordinate patient admission and discharge
ACMVET202A	Carry out daily clinic routines
ACMVET203A	Assist with Surgery Preparation
ACMVET406A	Nurse animals
ACMVET407A	Carry out medical nursing routines
ACMVET405A	Carry out surgical nursing routines
ACMVET410A	Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures

ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

- This qualification is ungraded. When you finish this course you will receive a qualification which shows your level of achievement as Competent.
- Every assessment event must be successfully completed in order to demonstrate competence in each unit.
- If you do not successfully complete an assessment event you will be given the opportunity to undertake another assessment at another time. Only two (2) attempts may be made on each individual assessment event within your current enrolment. If you experience difficulties please negotiate with your teacher.
- You will receive feedback on each assessment within 5 working days.
- If you want to view your unit results at any time, your teacher can provide you with instructions on how to access your student record via student e-Services.
- All TAFE students are eligible to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
- If you have a permanent or temporary condition that may prevent you successfully completing the assessment task(s) you should immediately talk with your teacher about 'reasonable adjustment'. This is the adjustment of the way you are assessed to take into account your condition however the assessment criteria cannot be altered.
- If you do not agree with the result given for your assessment task, you may appeal the assessment decision. You should first discuss the assessment result with your teacher.
- For more information on assessment, refer to 'Every Student's Guide to Assessment in TAFE NSW.'

PLAGIARISM

Whatever the form of assessment, it is essential that the work you are assessed on is your own. All students should be aware that penalties will be imposed for students found cheating in an assessment. Cheating can take different forms. For example, it may be copying or using the work, writing, drawings or photographs created by other people and passing them off as your own. You must make it clear if you are quoting or using other people's work.

Where you are working in a team with other students on a joint assessment task, your teacher will explain how your own contribution will be assessed.

ABOUT WORK PLACEMENT

Work placement can be a rewarding part of your studies as it enables you to experience the workplace and to practise the skills and knowledge you have gained in your studies. You are required to undertake at least 4 hours work placement a week for the Certificate II in Animal Studies. In some cases you may be required to undertake work placements at more than one workplace to meet the course requirements and the scope of activities available within that workplace.

We encourage students to find their own workplace however, guidance will be provided by your Education Support Officer.

Work placements involves doing set tasks and activities over time under supervision in the workplace.

WORKPLACE ASSESSMENTS

In addition to written assessments, some units/modules also require workplace assessment. Workplace assessment involves evaluating your performance in a range of practical skills within the context of actual workplace situations and conditions and may occur on several occasions over a period of time. Workplace assessment may involve completing a logbook, a portfolio of workplace evidence and interviews that correlate specifically to workplace activities, tasks, roles and services.

YOUR STEPS TO WORK PLACEMENTS

1. Read your [Workplacement Guide](#). This guide provides information about the structured workplace learning process.
2. Send out the workplace introduction letter.
3. Fill out the [workplace assessment approval form](#). This form captures important information about your proposed host organisation.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

All students in TAFE NSW are entitled to apply for recognition in the course or qualification in which they are currently enrolled. It is recommended that the application for recognition be made as soon as possible after enrolment.

The aim of granting recognition is to reduce the amount of learning required to achieve a qualification or accredited course by acknowledging an individual's skills and knowledge acquired through formal and informal learning.

Students enrolled in a government subsidised qualification or accredited course can apply for recognition in that qualification at no additional charge and, under NSW Smart and Skilled may be eligible for a reduced student fee based on recognition granted.

For more information [click here](#) or discuss with your Course Coordinator.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR COURSE

Online learning is best suited to people who are self-starters and really want to learn to improve their career prospects. Just because you don't have to leave your home or workplace, the online learning isn't necessarily easier than classroom learning, it's just different.

To help overcome these barriers, we would strongly encourage you to:

- **Seek support** from course facilitators, friends, family or workmates in supporting you in your study goals.
- **Set aside regular times for** online learning and study each week. Try not to deviate from these set times.
- **Set clear goals** on what you want to achieve, by when, to ensure you achieve your course outcomes.
- **Engage in the Course Forum.** The Course Forum in your course enables you to engage with your facilitator and fellow students. It is an important opportunity to share your learning experiences and reflect on the course materials. By actively participating in the Course Forum, you will become part of the virtual community. This acts as an important support network as you progress in your studies.
- **FAQs.** Frequently asked questions are available within each course and unit area.

STUDENT SUPPORT OPTIONS

The ACM40412 - Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing course can be both academically and personally challenging. Learner support is available to assist you with academic writing and referencing, time management, study plans, general study tips and goal setting.

Counselling and Support services

At TAFE Digital you are more than just a number to us. We provide a [Counselling and Career Services](#) website developed by professional counselling and careers staff with comprehensive information and resources to help you with your study, career development or personal issues. Access to online services means there is a wealth of personal, health and study information at your fingertips.

Tutoring Assistance

Stuck writing an assignment or general course work? Get unstuck with Studiosity.

When you have a writing, grammar, research, referencing or other study question, sign in at <https://studiosity.com/connect/users> - use your DEC username, the same user name as you use to sign into TAFE Digital.

Real-life, on-demand experts will help you with your question. You can even get help with essential bridging knowledge for maths, science and business studies.

You can also share a file in real-time for feedback on your writing or to discuss tables, diagrams and charts.

Smart Study Guide

This resource is for students at TAFE NSW. It is a referencing guide adapted from the Harvard referencing style. The Smart Study Guide aims to help you succeed in your course and achieve your goals. This guide includes useful tips to develop your skills in time management, researching, note taking and referencing.

[Download your free guide](#)

Library Services

TAFE Digital's full library services are just a click away, whether you are studying near a campus or far away.

OTHER COURSES THAT MAY INTEREST YOU

- [ACM50412 - Diploma of Veterinary Nursing \(Emergency and Critical Care\)](#)

BEFORE YOU ENROL

All students participating in Nationally Recognised Training in Australia need to have a Unique Student Identifier, or USI.

How to get a USI

It is free and easy for you to create your own USI online at usi.gov.au. Your local Customer Service office can also provide further information and assistance. If you already have your USI you can enrol with TAFE Digital.

For more information on the USI [click here](#)

HOW TO ENROL

Enrolling with TAFE Digital is easy!



Enrol online today by visiting our website at TAFEDIGITAL.EDU.AU and select your enrolment method from the options available.



Enrol by phone. Just call one of our TAFE Digital Customer Service Staff on **1300 823 366**



Email study@tafenow.com.au and our friendly customer help team will contact you to finalise your enrolment.