

	Level 3 Diploma	FdSc	BSc
What is it?	<p>Student Veterinary Nurses (SVNs) are typically employed by a practice and study at a local college whilst they work in practice. College days are either once a week or as part of a 'block release' over a longer period of time. You are essentially in practice from day one and quickly become an important member of the team. Note: There are also similar apprenticeship routes at some colleges</p>	<p>This is a Foundation degree course done at university. You still get to go out into practice for either a year or 'block placements' will be scattered around your timetable of 3 years. (So please check with the university on how they manage this). Note: This allows you to train in multiple vet practices</p>	<p>This is a Bachelor of Science degree course done at university and students usually learn alongside FdSc students. They may have additional modules/assignments to do throughout the first 3 years.</p>
How do I start training?	<p>Typically you should already be employed in practice before you can enrol on a veterinary nursing diploma or apprenticeship course. Most practices will employ someone as a Veterinary Care Assistant (VCA) before they take them on as an SVN. Some practices may encourage VCAs to do training to become a qualified VCA first. Note: There's usually a waiting list for VCAs to start their student nurse training</p>	<p>You will have to apply to university via UCAS</p>	<p>You will have to apply to university via UCAS</p>
How long will it take to qualify?	<p>approx. 2 - 2.5 years</p>	<p>3 years</p>	<p>3 years and then students focus on a research project and further academic modules for their 4th year</p>
What do the levels mean?	<p>These are the education levels. For reference, GCSEs are level 2, A levels and diplomas are level 3, and Certificates of higher education are level 4</p>	<p>level 5</p>	<p>level 6</p>