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# **ACM50219 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing**

**Release 1**

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### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.

### Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of a senior veterinary nurse who works under the supervision of a registered veterinarian, to provide leadership to staff and advanced nursing care for animals including applying specialist skills and in-depth knowledge to patient assessment, care and management within a veterinary workplace.

The Diploma of Veterinary Nursing requires access and regular exposure to patients (animals), clients, consults, medical and surgical cases, veterinary staff, nursing, and practice policies and procedures.

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 240 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the relevant units of competency.

*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 legislation and regulations in the development of training and assessment strategies.*

### Entry Requirements

Entry into this qualification is open to individuals who:

- hold a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing or *other equivalent veterinary nursing qualification*

#### AND

- have extensive experience *working at Certificate IV level or above* in a veterinary practice, *and has demonstrated the ability to:*
  - work autonomously *and within an interprofessional team*
  - independently provide nursing care for a broad range of medical and surgical conditions for a variety of species
  - communicate effectively with a variety of people within the organisation
  - supervise *and direct other staff within the workplace*
  - problem solve and support others within the working environment
  - independently support clients to maintain animal health
  - develop and review organisational administration processes

- maintain currency of industry skills and knowledge.

Refer to the Companion Volume Implementation Guide for details.

## Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 9 units of competency:
  - 6 core units plus
  - 3 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- at least 2 units from Groups A, B, C or D
- up to 1 unit from any electives listed below or from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Any combination of electives that meets the packaging rules can be selected for the award of *Diploma of Veterinary Nursing*. Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation area as follows:

- All Group A electives must be selected for award of the *Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)*.
- All Group B electives must be selected for award of the *Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental)*.
- All Group C electives must be selected for the award of the *Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care)*.
- All Group D electives must be selected for the award of the *Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice)*.

### Core Units

ACMSUS401	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMVET508	Support veterinary practice communication and professional development
ACMWHS501	Manage workplace health and safety processes
BSBCUS501	Manage quality customer service
BSBWOR502	Lead and manage team effectiveness
TAEDEL402	Plan, organise and facilitate learning in the workplace

**Elective Units****Group A - Surgical specialisation**

ACMVET501	Manage nursing requirements for specialised surgical procedures
ACMVET502	Carry out post-operative nursing routines

**Group B - Dental specialisation**

ACMVET503	Produce veterinary dental oral cavity images
ACMVET504	Provide veterinary dental nursing support for advanced veterinary dental surgery

**Group C - Emergency and Critical Care specialisation**

ACMVET505	Prepare for veterinary emergency response
ACMVET506	Perform emergency procedures to sustain life
ACMVET507	Provide nursing support for critical care surgery

**Group D - General Practice specialisation**

ACMVET509	Manage veterinary nursing procedures
ACMVET510	Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology
ACMVET511	Apply principles of animal behaviour

**Qualification Mapping Information**

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ACM50219 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing	ACM50212 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Added entry requirements One qualification with four optional specialisations	No equivalent qualification

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		Work placement requirement included	
ACM50219 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing	ACM50312 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental)	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Added entry requirements One qualification with four optional specialisations Work placement requirement included	No equivalent qualification
ACM50219 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing	ACM50412 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care)	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Added entry requirements One qualification with four optional specialisations Work placement requirement included	No equivalent qualification
ACM50219 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing	ACM50512 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice)	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages Added entry requirements One qualification with four optional specialisations Work placement requirement included	No equivalent qualification

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -  
<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>