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ACM50312 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental)

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comments
1	ACM10v3	Initial release. This Qualification supersedes and is not equivalent to ACM50310

Description

This Qualification is the industry standard for veterinary nurses who provide specialised and advanced veterinary dental nursing support within a clinic or hospital that performs advanced veterinary dentistry, or a specialist or referral veterinary dental clinic or hospital.

Candidates undertaking study for this Qualification require extensive vocational expertise and should expect that access through paid employment within a clinic or hospital that performs advanced veterinary dentistry, or a specialist or referral veterinary dental clinic or hospital, will be essential for meeting assessment requirements of some Units.

The Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental) is extremely complex and requires access and exposure to all seven veterinary dentistry disciplines (periodontics, endodontics, restorative dentistry, oral surgery, prosthodontics, orthodontics and exotic animal dentistry). It also requires access to a veterinary clinic or hospital that performs advanced veterinary dentistry; a specialist veterinary dental clinic or hospital or a referral veterinary dental clinic or hospital; veterinarians who perform advanced dental procedures and are, at a minimum Members of the Veterinary Dental Chapter, Australia and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (MACVS); patients and clients requiring veterinary dental oral radiographs and advanced dental procedures; and the equipment, instruments and resources required to perform all seven veterinary dentistry disciplines.

Pathways Information

Job Roles

The job role that this Qualification describes includes:

- Veterinary dental nurse.

Pathways into the Qualification

Pathways for candidates considering this Qualification are after achieving ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

Pathways from the Qualification

After achieving the ACM50312 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental), candidates may undertake professional development activities in areas of benefit to their workplace and their personal aspirations.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

There is a direct link between this Qualification and approval to perform veterinary nursing duties under the Western Australian (WA) Veterinary Surgeons Act 1960 as amended. The WA Veterinary Surgeons Board must approve qualified persons to carry out the duties of veterinary nurses and must authorise persons enrolled in approved courses to perform the duties of trainee veterinary nurses. Candidates should confirm the regulatory requirements that apply in their relevant state or territory. In addition, individual Units of Competency may specify relevant licensing, legislative and/or regulatory requirements.

Entry Requirements

Entrants into ACM50312 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental) are required to hold the 19 Core Units from the ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

Employability Skills Summary

Employability Skill	Industry/enterprise requirements for this Qualification include:
Communication	• analyse and apply technical information • analyse data and information to determine implications for work operations • communicate with all people at all levels of the organisation in a professional manner • complete a range of workplace documentation and records • select communication technologies to support work operations • demonstrate effective and appropriate communication and interpersonal skills when dealing with people • develop work instructions, specifications and procedures • select and apply documentation, communication and interpersonal strategies when dealing with internal and external clients • select communication methods according to priority, cost and audience needs.
Teamwork	• determine performance required to meet internal and external customer needs • facilitate team achievements • lead cooperative work relations with people of different ages, gender, race or religion • manage organisational processes and provide problem solving support to others • provide leadership.
Problem-solving	• identify and address potential and actual problems associated with work operations or in achieving work outcomes • investigate problem causes and implement corrective strategies • identify environmental features, regulations, legislative requirements and other factors which may affect the process or service to be provided • use material and process knowledge to solve problems • identify hazards and suggest control measures • analyse animal welfare and safety practices.
Initiative and enterprise	• determine and act on situations requiring further information or problem solving • determine information gathering requirements to monitor work processes and procedures • determine quality and other indicators of work outcomes

	• identify efficient production processes • implement continuous improvement processes • provide leadership in the workplace.
Planning and organising	• demonstrate time-management skills • determine resource requirements • determine work timelines and quality service targets • identify hazards and implement appropriate hazard control measures • optimise work processes.
Self-management	• analyse implications of relevant Acts and regulations on work practices • conduct work reviews to determine improvement requirements • determine workplace procedures and instructions • monitor work operations and identify and act on any quality and performance issues • manage own time to meet deadlines.
Learning	• assess work data and information to identify areas for improved performance • be supportive, assertive and use interpersonal skills to encourage workplace learning • develop learning opportunities • gather feedback on own work to assess effectiveness in meeting objectives and integrate information into own practice • identify own training needs and seek skill development if required • maintain currency of industry skill and knowledge.
Technology	• ensure readiness and operational efficiency of workplace technology • help others use technology efficiently and safely • select computer software applications to perform work operations • work with technology safely and according to workplace standards.

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Packaging Rules

A total of **seven (7) Units** of Competency must be achieved as specified below:

- complete seven (7) CORE Units.

CORE: Complete the following seven (7) CORE Units

Unit code	Unit title
ACMSUS301A	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMVET503A	Produce veterinary dental oral radiographs
ACMVET504A	Provide veterinary dental nursing support for advanced veterinary dental surgery
ACMVET508A	Support veterinary practice communication and professional development
ACMWHS501A	Manage workplace health and safety processes
BSBCUS501C	Manage quality customer service
BSBWOR502B	Ensure team effectiveness