**VN Fellowship application guidance.**

The RVC’s Graduate Certificate and Postgraduate Certificate course is a part-time, distance-learning, advanced veterinary nursing qualification awarded by the RVC and University of London. The certificate provides a progression option for RVNs qualifying from all existing level qualifications (from Level 3 Diploma through to BSc). Depending on your entry qualifications, you can apply to enrol on either the level 6 Graduate Certificate or level 7 Postgraduate Certificate.

Our published entry requirements provide the minimum entry requirements you need to demonstrate in order to be considered for a place on the Graduate Certificate or Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing at the RVC.

Please review full entry requirements [here.](https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/certificates-in-advanced-veterinary-nursing#tab-entry-requirements)

**English language:**

All applicants must have achieved at least a Grade 4/C in GCSE English Language or have an acceptable alternative English Language qualification

Please see our[**English Language Requirements page**](http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements) for a list of qualifications we accept as alternatives to GCSE. If you have taken an IELTS, the requirements are as follows:

* IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or above with minimum 6.0 in each component

Applicants who have not achieved the required standard at the point of application may be made an offer that is conditional upon achieving it.

**Personal statement:**

Personal statements are reviewed for evidence of your overall suitability for the course. This is your opportunity to demonstrate you have the necessary attributes and commitment to study successfully on the course you are applying for.

Your Personal Statement should be***no more***than 800 words.

When putting your Personal Statement together, you should answer the following questions of which you will be graded on as part of your application:

* What is your motivation to undertake this course?
* What are your goals for this course and what aspirations do you have for your studies?
* What challenges or particular hurdles do you anticipate during your studies, and what is your plan to overcome these?
* During your studies, how will you check to see if you are on the right lines (achieving your goals and the course’s expectations)?
* In the past, what have you learnt about your own approach to learning?
* What are your aspirations for the future? How will your learning and qualification contribute to your clinical practice/professional field and/or wider society?