

# Animal Industries Resource Centre

## Veterinary Nursing Education



# About AIRC

**If you are passionate about caring for animals we have the course for you! AIRC courses are designed to give you the hands-on knowledge and skills to be an outstanding veterinary nurse or animal carer.**

We've been helping vet nurses get qualified for nearly 20 years! With over 1250 students across Australia and Asia, and as a member of the Provet Group of Companies, AIRC is a one-stop shop for educational excellence and practice development.

All of our courses are completed by distance education. Our focus is on delivering first class student support for all of our students. Even though you are studying via distance education you won't be alone!

AIRC Veterinary Nurses are at the top of their profession with many of our graduated students holding senior level positions in the most advanced Veterinary facilities internationally and across Australia.

Many of our students are also passionate about advancing the profession so donate their time on the many committees who oversee our industry progression. Our courses set up our graduates to feel fully prepared to launch their career. A large majority of our graduates return to do higher qualifications.

**"Each subject so far has provided me with additional skills and knowledge that I have been able to use everyday within my workplace, which I am very grateful for."**

**Olivia Coates,  
Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing**



## **Want to experience the AIRC difference?**

Our point of difference is our focus on workplace based learning and practical assessments. Our trainers create either simulated environments where students can demonstrate their skills for assessment or we come to visit you in your workplace where you may feel more comfortable. This combined with other theoretical assessments sets our students up for success.

Our Training Team pride themselves on ensuring all of our vet nursing graduates have an independent assessment by our trainers to test their knowledge and use of practical skills. This is the AIRC difference !!

**"AIRC is far more involved than any other course I know. I compare it to others that I know are doing their certificates [at other providers] and they don't seem to learn as much, so I believe it is a far better course."**

## **Learn from our experienced vets and vet nurses!**

We are proud to have Veterinarians and Veterinary Nurses on the team, who have excelled in the veterinary profession and are committed to passing on their wealth of experience and knowledge.

Our team is also active in the veterinary industry, working in-practice, volunteering for career progression or increasing their knowledge and completing further qualifications. Some of our student support team are also VNCA Accredited Nurses!

**Melissa Collins,  
Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing**

# Eight benefits of studying with AIRC



**Want to experience the AIRC difference? Here's only eight reasons why we offer the best vet nursing training in Australasia...**

## 1. First class student support

While you will be studying via distance education, you won't be alone! AIRC has a large online community where students and our qualified trainers exchange ideas and assist you with any questions relating to your studies.

## 2. Qualified student support team

Our team of qualified vets and vet nurses is here to support you through your studies! Many of our team are currently studying and still work in-practice to keep their skills up to date.

## 3. Workplace-based learning

We want you to have hands-on experience working in your chosen industry. The veterinary nursing industry is highly practical and we find students benefit much more when they are learning the practical skills they need.

## 4. Study that suits your lifestyle

Studying via distance education means you can schedule your study around work and other commitments. Your learning resources are all online so you can study from home, when it suits you!

## 5. Free interactive learning & resources

AIRC students have access to online learning sessions, downloadable templates and videos- at no extra cost!

## 6. Enrolments open every month

You don't have to wait for semesters to start! You can apply online anytime and get started on your dream of becoming a vet nurse! Please note: application criteria applies for each course.

## 7. Student iLearn Lounge

An online area where you can download your study guides, submit assessments, view videos and chat to other students!

## 8. Flexible payment options

Pay your full fee up front, take advantage of our payment plans or pay via Provet Plus Points.

**"Not only did I learn HOW to do something but also WHY I'm doing it. Doing a course from interstate can be hard but the girls at head office are always so helpful. "**

**Mikala Smith,  
Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing**



# Getting started...



## How do I enrol?

Once you have confirmed you meet the entry requirements, you are ready to complete an application form. Either complete this online or ask our Enrolments Team for a copy. For some courses we may require details about your employment and additional documentation such as transcripts from previous studies. We request that applications are only submitted once they are completed in full.

## I am ready to commence study; do I need to wait until the new school term or year to start a course?

No. We appreciate you want to get started in your animal care or veterinary nursing career. For this reason we offer monthly commencements for most courses, and in some cases courses commence on a weekly basis.

## What happens once I've sent my form in?

As we don't have "classroom limits" you are guaranteed a place once you meet the course requirements. The AIRC Enrolments Team will email or call you when they receive your application form and your application will be put into the enrolment queue for processing.

## Do I need to be employed to study vet nursing?

Veterinary nursing requires a high level of practical knowledge and skill. We find students benefit from the course much more when they are learning practical skills on the job.

Each course has different employment requirements. Check for entry requirements on each course page in this brochure or on our website: [www.provetlearning.com.au](http://www.provetlearning.com.au)

## Funding and Traineeships

Check with your local apprenticeship centre for funding information: [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)

## Can I work faster or slower than the timetable says?

The AIRC training team has developed a timetable to allow for students to complete assessments and be working within the industry at the same time. You will be given all of your learning materials upon commencement, so you can work through the course faster if you wish.

Although we are able to offer an extended timetable if you need additional time for each unit, fees may be incurred if you take more time than your course duration to complete the qualification.

## I would like to complete some short online courses to build on my skills, what would you recommend?

Our partner company, Crampton Consulting Group have a suite of continuing education opportunities available online. To view courses that will interest you go to:

[www.provetccg.com.au/shortcourses](http://www.provetccg.com.au/shortcourses)

**"The rigorous training program provides nurses with a high level of underpinning knowledge. This is backed up by workplace assessments to ensure that theory translates into practice."**

**Cathy Warburton,  
Animal Emergency Centres Victoria**

# Certificate I in Animal Studies



## Do you want a career working with animals?

**Certificate I in Animal Studies** is an ideal introduction into the animal care industry. You will gain fundamental knowledge and skills that will allow you to start your dream career in animal care. This course is conducted online over six months and may assist you in gaining employment within the industry.

### Can't find work placement to enrol into one of our higher qualifications?

You can complete this course while you look for placement. A number of the units in this course can then be used as credit towards ACM20110 Certificate II in Animal Studies or ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

### Entry Requirements

There is no specific pre-requisite knowledge required for entry, however you must:

- Have completed Year 10 or be a mature aged student
- Have access to handling and feeding a range of companion animals
- Have reliable internet access, ability to film yourself for assessments and an email address

### Flexible study

Study at your own pace and complete this course in six months. You are required to complete activities and assessments online (including multiple choice questions, online scenarios and video assessments). While practical placement isn't compulsory for this course, you may find it beneficial.

### Core Units

- ACMGAS101A Investigate job opportunities in animal care and related industries
- ACMGAS102A Catch and handle a range of quiet animals
- ACMGAS103A Assist in the care of animals
- ACMOHS201A Participate in occupational health and safety processes
- ACMGAS202A Participate in workplace communications

### Elective Units

- ACMGAS204A Feed and water animals
- ACMGAS208A Source information for animal care needs



## Get your veterinary nursing career started!

### Are you a junior veterinary nurse looking to develop foundation knowledge and skills?

ACM20110 Certificate II in Animal Studies is a nationally recognised qualification that is seen as a pathway to higher qualifications. This course will give you the core knowledge needed to become an outstanding veterinary nurse. AIRC's course has been streamlined into six modules that cover the 12 core and elective units.

### Flexible study

This course is timetabled over nine months but you can work at a faster pace and complete earlier if you prefer. You will be given a study timetable upon enrolment which outlines your units of study and due dates for assessments.

### Looking to become a qualified vet nurse?

You will need to complete ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing to be considered a qualified veterinary nurse.

### Entry requirements

You must be completing 8 hours per week of paid or voluntary employment in a veterinary practice.

### Core Units

- ACMOHS201A Participate in occupational health and safety processes
- ACMGAS201A Work in the animal care industry
- ACMGAS202A Participate in workplace communications
- ACMGAS203A Complete animal care hygiene routines
- ACMGAS204A Feed and water animals
- ACMGAS205A Assist in health care of animals
- ACMSUS201A Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

### Elective Units

- ACMVET201A Carry out veterinary nursing reception duties
- ACMVET202A Carry out daily clinic routines
- ACMVET203A Assist with surgery preparation
- ACMGAS208A Source information for animal care needs
- ACMGAS209A Provide information on companion animals, products and services



# Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing



## Become a qualified Veterinary Nurse!

To be considered a qualified veterinary nurse in Australia you need to have completed this course. AIRC's course is jam packed with relevant content to ensure you complete the course with skills in demand by employers.

ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing is a nationally recognised qualification that provides training in practical and technical skills relevant to the care and nursing of animals, and the underpinning knowledge required to apply those skills in a variety of workplace situations.

### Entry requirements

You must be completing 15 hours per week of paid employment as a veterinary nurse.

### Are you an experienced nurse looking to gain the qualification you deserve?

Join the Express Lane to complete your qualification faster! You can use your years of experience to gain recognition for prior learning for all or some of a qualification. If you have an older qualification, we can also help you upgrade.

**"The resources available are fantastic and the staff are so friendly and helpful."**

**Naomi Fortune,**  
Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

### Core Units

- ACMGAS202A Participate in workplace communications
- ACMGAS204A Feed and water animals
- ACMGAS205 Assist in health care of animals
- ACMGAS208A Source information for animal care needs
- ACMINF301A Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal work
- ACMWHS301A Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
- ACMVET201A Carry out veterinary nursing reception duties
- ACMVET202A Carry out daily clinic routines
- ACMVET203A Assist with surgery preparation
- ACMVET401A Coordinate patient admission and discharge
- ACMVET402A Apply imaging routines
- ACMVET403A Perform clinic pathology procedures
- ACMVET404A Perform clinic office procedures
- ACMVET405A Carry out surgical nursing routines
- ACMVET406A Nurse animals
- ACMVET407A Carry out medical nursing routines
- ACMVET408A Coordinate and perform theatre routines
- ACMVET409A Provide specific animal care advice
- ACMVET410A Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures

### Electives

Choose from enrichment, care of birds, care of rodents and rabbits, sustainability, microchipping and many more!

# Diploma of Veterinary Nursing

(General Practice)



## Want to enhance your management skills?

Have you got ACM40412 Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing? Are you looking to advance your knowledge and skills in veterinary nursing and leadership? Fulfil your passion to learn and introduce advanced patient nursing skills and care within the workplace with this qualification!

This course is for nurses working in general practice, looking to excel in their role as a leader. Unlike the Emergency and Critical Care and Surgical Diplomas you do not have to be working in an emergency or specialist facility to complete this course.

### Entry requirements

You must be completing 25 hours per week of paid employment as a veterinary nurse.

**"We could not be happier with our AIRC trained nurses and choose AIRC for both Certificate IV and Diplomas."**

**Cathy Warburton,  
Animal Emergency Centres Victoria**

### Core Units\*

- ACMSUS301A Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
- ACMVET509A Manage veterinary nursing procedures
- ACMVET510A Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology
- ACMVET511A Apply principles of animal behaviour
- ACMWH501A Manage workplace health and safety processes
- BSBCUS501C Manage quality customer service
- BSBWOR502B Ensure team effectiveness
- TAEDEL402A Facilitate group-based learning

\* To begin the above units you must have already completed the 19 core units from ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

### Need to upgrade to the latest Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing?

Contact AIRC to discuss your personal circumstances. You may be able to upgrade at the same time as completing your Diploma. We can tailor a package that suits you and get you on the way to getting your Diploma qualification!



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# Diploma of Veterinary Nursing

(Surgical)



## Want to become a specialist in your field?

**Do you have ACM40412 Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing? Are you looking to advance your knowledge and skills in a specialised area?**

This course is a professional and technical program for qualified nurses who wish to specialise their skills. This Diploma begins by encompassing and following the journey of a surgical patient and nursing aspects, theatre practices, instrument knowledge, patient admission processes, specific nursing plans and detailing specific surgical cases in which you have been involved.

### Entry requirements

You must be completing 25 hours per week of paid employment as a veterinary nurse working in specialist centre under a registered specialist.

**I enjoy being able to study at my own pace and I know that I always have back up when needed. AIRC sets bench marks in the industry and the standards are high.**

**Sue Thompson,  
Diploma of Veterinary Nursing**

### Core Units

- ACMSUS301A Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
- ACMVET501A Manage nursing requirements for specialised surgical procedures
- ACMVET502A Carry out post-operative nursing routines
- ACMVET508A Support veterinary practice communication and professional development
- ACMWH501A Manage workplace health and safety processes
- BSBCUS501C Manage quality customer service
- BSBWOR502B Ensure team effectiveness

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# Diploma of Veterinary Nursing

(Emergency and Critical Care)



## Want to become a specialist in your field?

**Do you have ACM40412 Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing? Are you looking to advance your knowledge and skills in a specialised area?**

If you have a passion for nursing emergency and critical care patients and want to be at the top of the field, complete this respected qualification.

The Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care) is a professional and technical program for qualified nurses wishing to specialise their skills. Due to the complex nature of such study, students should have paid employment within a veterinary hospital or emergency/specialist clinic where emergency and critical care procedures are performed.

### Entry requirements

You must be completing 25 hours per week of paid employment as a veterinary nurse working in an emergency facility.

### Core Units

- ACMSUS301A Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
- ACMVET505A Prepare for emergency response
- ACMVET506A Perform emergency procedures to sustain life
- ACMVET507A Provide nursing support for critical care surgery
- ACMVET508A Support veterinary practice communication and professional development
- ACMWH5501A Manage workplace health and safety processes
- BSBCUS501C Manage quality customer service
- BSBWOR502B Ensure team effectiveness

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# Advanced Small Animal Nursing



## Enhance your small animal nursing skills!

### Are you passionate about providing the best patient care?

The Advanced Small Animal Nursing course focuses on the technical side of veterinary nursing, what we do, why it is done and how to advance our skills and abilities. Areas covered include emergency, surgical and medical procedures through to patient advocacy and nurse consultations.

This course will provide the basis to fulfill your passion to learn and introduce advanced patient nursing skills within the workplace.

The Advanced Small Animal Nursing course requires that you have access and regular exposure to patients, clients, consults, medical and surgical cases, veterinary staff, nursing, administrative duties, practice policies, procedures, and customer service experiences.

### Entry requirements

You must be completing 25 hours per week of paid employment as a veterinary nurse and have completed Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing or equivalent.

### Core Units

- ASAN001 Perform patient evaluation and triage procedures
- ASAN002 Coordinate and perform medical procedures
- ASAN003 Perform and apply pathological procedures to disease pathophysiology
- ASAN004 Coordinate and perform imaging and specific clinic procedures
- ASAN005 Manage and perform first aid procedures to sustain life
- ASAN006 Manage and perform surgical nursing procedures
- ASAN007 Manage and perform patient nursing and follow-up procedures
- ASAN008 Provide training within the workplace

**"I love how easy it is to contact student support through iLearn Lounge. Student Support answer my questions straight away and are always very helpful. "**

**Jennifer Barnes,  
Advanced Small Animal Nursing**



# Contact Us

**Want to experience the AIRC difference?**

**Contact us today to find out how you can start your dream career!**

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