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# Health and Veterinary Professions

## Welcome to our Health and Veterinary

We offer a comprehensive range of courses that are unique to Edinburgh College. From dental nursing, dental technology, and pharmacy, to veterinary science, you'll find a course to suit you.

If you're looking to develop a career in dentistry, we offer specialist courses to suit your training needs. Whether it's our Diploma in Dental Nursing or HNC Dental Technology, we recognise the importance of working with the General Dental Council. This means our qualifications will allow you to register as a Dental Care Professional - a requirement to work in this sector. We work in close association with the industry to ensure that best practice and working standards are central to the course content. This also means we're able to offer valuable work placements, allowing you to gain relevant experience of dental surgeries or laboratories, which will support your development.

The pharmacy qualifications on offer range from entry level SVQ Level 2 Pharmacy Services through to advanced level HNC Pharmacy Services Development and Management. So, whether you're just starting out in a career in pharmacy or are already a pharmacy technician looking to develop your skills, you'll find nationally recognised qualifications to suit. Our NC in Pharmacy Services is approved

by the General Pharmaceutical Council ensuring that your learning meets professional registration requirements for pharmacy technicians. All of our courses are delivered in collaboration with the NHS and include teaching by college lecturers and specialist practitioners. All students experience a variety of holistic teaching methods during their time at college. What's more, our unique training partnerships with NHS Lothian, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and local community pharmacies enable us to offer work based experience to enhance your employability whilst also meeting the needs and expectations of employers. Students are provided with a thorough understanding of the pharmacy profession's requirements for professionalism. We have a proven track record for full-time students progressing on to employment and higher education.

The veterinary training we offer is ideal preparation for a variety of roles in this sector. Whether you're looking to work as a receptionist in a veterinary surgery, or wish to develop a career as a care assistant or veterinary nurse, we offer a course to suit you. We have exciting links with the University of Glasgow Small Animal Hospital and Edinburgh University, allowing us to offer a truly high standard of real industry experience

and training. We're the only Scottish college to have such a partnership with both of these world-renowned institutions. We also work with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to ensure our Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing meets strict requirements, allowing you to become a Registered Veterinary Nurse. We have delivered fantastic results in our Health and Veterinary department. Dental Nursing students have won the Gold Award in the National Exam Board for Dental Nursing on two occasions. Our Veterinary Nursing exam results are also consistently above the national average, with two of our students having achieved the highest exam results in the UK from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. Success stories like these just go to show the high standard of training we offer.

The following guide is designed to help you choose from our range of health and veterinary courses. There's sure to be a course that suits your learning and career aspirations here.



## NC Dental Technology

Campus: Granton,

Mode of Attendance: Day Release, Full-Time

### What is this course about?

Dental technicians carry out practical work prescribed by dentists, which can come under three different specialisms: prosthodontics-dentures, crown and bridge or orthodontics. If you're interested in developing a career in any of these areas, this course is ideal.

This NC Level course will allow you to develop basic skills, techniques and associated materials of dental technology, focusing mainly on the denture making process.

As a full-time student, you'll attend a work placement in a dental laboratory at least one day a week as a minimum. You'll complete a placement logbook to detail the skills you develop from this valuable work experience.

Registration with the General Dental Council has become compulsory for dental technicians. Edinburgh College's Diploma in Dental Technology has been given provisional status from the General Dental Council to become the approved qualification.

### How do I get a place?

Minimum 3 passes at SCQF Level 5

### What will I learn?

- Prosthodontics-dentures
- Crown and bridge
- Orthodontics

### What can I do next?

- The course is part of the General Dental Council approved qualification you require to be registered to work as a dental technician
- You may progress to the second year of the Diploma in Dental Technology which comprises of SQA HNC Level 7 units

## HNC Dental Technology

Campus: MidLothian, Granton

Mode of Attendance: Day Release, Full-Time

### What is this course about?

This course builds on the level 6 units gained in the first year. The course consists of eleven units worth 12 HN credits. The areas covered are dental professional studies, dental bio-materials, oral and facial anatomy. Removable prosthodontics, partial and complete dentures. Fixed prosthodontics including bonded restorations and orthodontic technology studies and graded unit. The locally devised programme of National Certificate Units (Level 6) for Dental Technology (or equivalent). Day and block release students must be in suitable employment within a dental laboratory.

### How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6
- Attitude and aptitude
- Personal statement
- Interview

### What will I learn?

It is compulsory that all Dental technicians register with the General Dental Council. Technicians in training are temporarily exempt from

this requirement but must be able to demonstrate that they are working towards a approved qualification on a recognised programme. The Higher National Certificate together with the locally devised NC Dental Technology Level 6 units now form the Edinburgh College: Diploma in Dental Technology. This programme has provisional approval from the General Dental Council to become a approved qualification. The course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and understanding required to enable them to successfully develop the skills which they need to attain to function effectively in the dental technology profession.

### What can I do next?

- Work as a registered dental technician in the NHS sector, general practice laboratories or commercial laboratories.
- Industry trade representative.
- Become self-employed.
- Higher National Diploma - Dental Technology. We work closely with employers and Universities to ensure your HN will help you progress to the job you want or the University course you want to study.

# Diploma in Dental Nursing

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Day Release, Full-Time

## What is this course about?

If you're looking to pursue a career as a dental care professional, this course is designed for you. You'll attend college three days per week studying the NEBDN Curriculum and two days per week in a dental surgery on work placement, while undertaking the NEBDN Record of Experience. The course will prepare you for the role of dental nurse - dental care professionals who work as part of the dental team.

The course will allow you to develop a practical knowledge of your future role as a dental nurse, learning about the value of chair-side support to clinical team members during treatment sessions in a dental surgery.

You'll learn about the preparation of instruments, mixing of dental materials and ensuring patient comfort. In addition, you'll gain skills in the preparation and maintenance of the clinical environment, while complying with infection control guidelines, recording of clinical charting, maintaining patient's records and the processing of dental radiographs. As a dental nurse, you may be called upon to give advice to patients, monitor and reassure patients and assist in dealing with complaints procedures too.

Upon completion of the course, you'll be able qualified for registration as a DCP (Dental Care Professional) with The GDC (General Dental Council).

This is an important step, allowing you to undertake post registration training in a variety of dental specialisms.

## How do I get a place?

- A minimum of 4 Standard Grades (3 or above) which must include English
- Standard Grade Biology would be an advantage

## What will I learn?

- Chair-side support
- The preparation of instruments
- Mixing of dental materials
- Patient comfort
- Preparation and maintenance of the clinical environment
- Infection control guidelines
- Recording of clinical charting
- Maintaining patient's records
- Dental radiographs

## What can I do next?

- Apply for Registration as a DCP (Dental Care Professional) with The GDC (General Dental Council)
- Undertake post registration qualifications outlined in the GDC Scope of Practice, including specialist areas such as radiography, dental sedation nursing, dental impressions, oral health education, orthodontic nursing, special care dental nursing and implant dental nursing

## NC Pharmacy Services

Campus: Granton,

Mode of Attendance: Day Release, Full-Time

### What is this course about?

If you're looking to develop a career in pharmacy services, this course is the ideal route to your development at the next level. You'll develop knowledge in 12 diverse SQA NC units, from Pharmaceutics to Microbiology. You'll also have the opportunity to shape your studies according to your own interests and career plans, choosing one additional unit - either Aseptic or Sale/Supply.

The course is NC regulatory body accredited, ensuring that the underpinning knowledge you develop meets professional registration requirements for pharmacy technicians.

The programme is available as a one-year, full-time course and is also available in two part-time formats - ideal if you're in employment. The full-time option may be more suitable if you have shorter travel times into College, or if you would value more support with your studies in terms of confidence, maturity or existing qualifications.

If you choose to study full time, you'll complete a work placement in either a community or hospital pharmacy to make sure you get the practical experience you need for employment. Alternatively, the day release option would involve attending college one day per week, over two years, in addition to your continuing employment.

Upon completion of the course you'll be able to access a whole range of further study options to enhance your pharmacy career prospects even further.

### How do I get a place?

- Full-time course requirements are 3 Standard Grades at Credit Level, preferably including Biology or Chemistry and English
- To give yourself the best opportunity to be considered for interview you must provide a full explanation on the application form detailing your reasons for choosing to study this course
- A PVG check must be completed if you're applying for the full-time option prior to going for work placements

### What will I learn?

- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Microbiology
- Chemistry
- Aseptic or Sale/Supply

### What can I do next?

- SVQ Level 3 Pharmacy Services (this can also be completed at the same time as NC Pharmacy Services for part-time candidates in employment)
- HNC Pharmacy
- Various stand-alone HN units which can contribute towards meeting CPD requirements for pharmacy technicians
- Professional Development Award (PDA) in Review and Supply of an Individual's Medicine

## HNC Pharmacy Services Development and Management

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Day Release

### What is this course about?

If you're a pharmacy technician and want to take on a senior or managerial technician role, then this course will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need.

You'll be supported to develop communication and managerial skills, increase your subject expertise and extend your personal, intellectual and social development. A project report and graded unit completed in the workplace will allow you to demonstrate the practical skills you've learnt on the job.

A suggested two years post-registration experience is desirable but not mandatory. This course is delivered as a two year day release course and you must be employed in the pharmaceutical profession.

The course will ensure you're in a fantastic position to pursue further studies, with several stand-alone HN units offered by the College which can contribute to CPD for pharmacy technicians. You'll also be well prepared for the Professional Development Award (PDA) in Review and Supply of an Individual's Medicine.

### How do I get a place?

Minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6

### What will I learn?

- Open and closed book assessment over the 2 years of the course
- Work-based project report and graded unit completed in the workplace

### What can I do next?

- HN Units contributing to CPD for pharmacy technicians
- Professional Development Award (PDA) in Review and Supply of an Individual's Medicine



## SVQ Level 2 Pharmacy Services

Campus: Granton  
Mode of Attendance: Work-Based

### What is this course about?

This course is designed to increase your skills if you're employed as a dispenser or assistant technical officer working in a hospital or community pharmacy.

You'll carry out your studies in the workplace to provide evidence required for SVQ standards. Work-based assessors will be responsible for your assessment to national standards, based on an SVQ portfolio you'll build to show what you learn on the job. You'll study units as appropriate to your workplace role, or the whole Group Award can be studied.

### How do I get a place?

Minimum 2 passes at SCQF Level 4.

### What will I learn?

This course is designed to increase your skills if you're employed as a Dispenser or Assistant Technical Officer working in a hospital or community pharmacy.

### What can I do next?

- Progress to a higher level of study at SVQ Level 3
- Continue to work in the industry

## SVQ Level 3 Pharmacy Services

Campus: Granton  
Mode of Attendance: Work-Based

### What is this course about?

This course is ideal if you're employed as a pre-registration pharmacy technician, dispenser or assistant technical officer and are looking to develop your skills.

You'll carry out your studies in the workplace to provide evidence required for SVQ standards. You'll build an SVQ portfolio to show what you learn on the job, with a work-based assessor being responsible for your assessment to national standards.

### How do I get a place?

Minimum 3 passes at SCQF Level 5.

### What will I learn?

Assessment is carried out in the workplace over 2 years using a variety of methods by a qualified Work-Based Assessor (WBA).

### What can I do next?

Following the course, you can move onto the HNC and other stand-alone HN units.

## Procedures For Pharmacy Aseptic Checking Technicians

Campus: Granton  
Mode of Attendance: Work-Based

### What is this course about?

This course will allow you to gain a nationally recognised qualification. It's ideal if you're a pharmacy technician and are looking to develop skills in aseptic checking.

### How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6
- You must be a registered Pharmacy Technician to apply for this course

### What will I learn?

- Nationally recognised certificate pharmacy aseptic checking technicians.
- You will develop the skills to accuracy check products made in an aseptic pharmacy environment

### What can I do next?

- Stand-alone HN Units that contribute to CPD for Pharmacy Technicians
- Professional Development Award (PDA) in Review and Supply of an Individual's Medicine

## Procedures For Pharmacy Dispensary Checking Technicians

Campus: Granton  
Mode of Attendance: Work-Based

### What is this course about?

This course will allow you to gain a nationally recognised qualification. It's ideal if you're a pharmacy technician and are looking to develop skills in dispensary checking. The work-based course involves lectures and workshops.

### How do I get a place?

- Minimum 2 Highers or relevant NC pass at SCQF Level 6
- You must be a registered Pharmacy Technician to apply for this course

### What will I learn?

- Nationally recognised qualification for pharmacy dispensary checking technicians
- You will develop the skills to final accuracy check prescriptions dispensed in a pharmacy

### What can I do next?

- Stand-alone HN units that can contribute to CPD for pharmacy technicians
- Professional Development Award (PDA) in Review and Supply of an Individual's Medicine







## Veterinary Terminology

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Other

Open Learning

### What is this course about?

This course will allow you to gain an understanding of hundreds of veterinary words and terms. It's ideal if you wish to work in the veterinary world either as a receptionist in a veterinary practice or are beginning your career as a veterinary nurse.

### How do I get a place?

No entry requirements.

### What will I learn?

The Body Systems of Dogs and Cats.

### What can I do next?

Animal-related course or employment.

## Level 2 Diploma Veterinary Care Assistant

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Full-Time

### What is this course about?

If you're looking to pursue a career as a veterinary assistant, this is the perfect course. It leads to a nationally recognised City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma.

The course takes one year and will provide you with an introduction to the principles of animal nursing and care. You'll cover general animal nursing, anaesthesia, surgical nursing, radiography and anatomy. In addition, the course includes core skills certification and a work placement in veterinary practice.

This course provides you with the essential practical experience and knowledge you need to ensure you're well prepared for work as an assistant in a veterinary practice, as well as for further study.

### How do I get a place?

- 4 passes at SCQF Level 5 (3 at standard grade or C at Intermediate 2). These must include two of English, Maths and a Science subject
- A minimum of 10 days of work experience in a veterinary practice is required prior to application
- You'll be expected to demonstrate your knowledge and enthusiasm for your previous studies and work experience

### What will I learn?

- Animal Handling and Care in the Veterinary Environment
- Assisting with Care in the Veterinary Environment
- Administrative Duties in the Veterinary Care Environment
- Microbiology for Healthcare Workers
- Communication, ICT and Numeracy

### What can I do next?

- You may work as a nursing assistant in a veterinary practice (but not register as or use the title 'veterinary nurse')
- Apply for the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing at Edinburgh College
- Other animal care courses such as HNC or HND in animal care offered elsewhere

## Online Veterinary Care Assistant Level 2 Diploma

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Other Open Learning

### What is this course about?

If you're looking to pursue a career as a veterinary assistant, this is the perfect online course. It leads to a nationally recognised City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma.

The course takes one year and will provide you with an introduction to the principles of animal nursing and care. You'll cover general animal nursing, anaesthesia, surgical nursing, radiography and anatomy.

In addition, the course includes core skills certification and a work placement in veterinary practice. This provides you with the essential practical experience and knowledge you need to ensure you're well prepared for work as an assistant in a veterinary practice, as well as for further Level 3 study.

### How do I get a place?

- 4 passes at SCQF Level 5. These must include two of English, Maths and a Science subject
- You'll be expected to demonstrate your knowledge and enthusiasm for your previous studies and work experience
- You must be employed in a Veterinary Practice and have an agreement with your employer to for you to take this course before applying for a place

### What will I learn?

- General Animal Nursing
- Anaesthesia
- Surgical Nursing
- Radiography and Anatomy
- Core Skills Certification
- Animal Handling and Care in the Veterinary Environment
- Assisting with Care in the Veterinary Environment
- Administrative Duties in the Veterinary Care Environment
- Microbiology for Healthcare Workers

### What can I do next?

- You may work as a nursing assistant in a veterinary practice (but not register as or use the title 'veterinary nurse')
- Apply for the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing at Edinburgh College
- Other animal care courses such as HNC or HND in animal care offered elsewhere

## Level 3 Diploma Veterinary Nursing

Campus: Granton

Mode of Attendance: Block Release, Full-Time

### What is this course about?

This 2.5 year programme is designed to train you to become an RCVS registered veterinary nurse. The course is delivered full time or on a block release basis for employed students.

You'll develop practical veterinary nursing skills and cover supporting theory. You'll also attend equine and exotic pet tutorials at Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at Edinburgh University (RDSVS).

The Full Time course will be made up of weeks spent at Edinburgh College, University of Glasgow Small Animal Hospital and an approved Training Practice.

- For the block release option, you'll also need to be currently employed in a training practice - Veterinary Training Practices must be approved by the Centre and Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)
- The Block Release option is only open to employed students. You must be employed in a Veterinary Practice and have an agreement with your employer to for you to take this course before applying for a block release place

### What will I learn?

Practical veterinary nursing skills and theory

### How do I get a place?

- 5 passes at SCQF Level 5. These must include English, Maths and a Science subject
- A pass in Higher English & Biology would be an advantage
- A Minimum of 10 days' work experience in a veterinary practice is required to apply for the full time option
- You'll be expected to demonstrate your knowledge and enthusiasm for your previous studies and work experience

### What can I do next?

- Registration as RVN (Registered Veterinary Nurse) with RCVS
- Continuing Vocational Professional Development
- City and Guilds Small Animal Nutrition Course
- Level 3 Diploma Equine Pathway







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