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AMTRA

ANIMAL MEDICINES TRAINING REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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University Diploma in Animal Medicines Advice



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This qualification commenced in September 2024 and is the only formal post-registration qualification for SQPs.

Who can study this course?

Qualified SQPs of all registration categories.

How long will it take?

Designed to be completed within a maximum of 2 years, individual modules run over 4-6 months.

How is it delivered?

Mainly online/distance learning, with optional attendance study days at Harper Adams University.

What will I learn?

There are currently a range of 6 modules for you to choose from.

SQPs will carry forward their credits achieved during initial SQP examinations.

The Diploma includes 60 Level 5 credits, equivalent to a second-year degree level, with an option for 15 Level 4 credits, equivalent to a first-year degree level. The number of credits eligible to be brought forward from AMTRA RAMA training is shown below*.

Category	Credits
R-SQP	40
G-SQP	35
K-SQP	35
E-SQP	20
L-SQP	30
J-SQP	15
C-SQP	15
A-SQP	15
CA-SQP	15
JA-SQP	20
EA-SQP	20

*credits may vary for other regulators.

How many credits do I need to study to achieve the Diploma?

To work this out, use the formula below:
60 – credits from SQP training = credits needed for Diploma

For example R-SQP:
60 – 40 = 20 credits needed for Diploma

How do I apply?

For those who qualified within the past 7 years, please complete the application located on the Harper Adams website.

For those that have been qualified for 7 years or more, to prove your professional currency, upon application you will be asked to provide:
CV
CPD records or a letter of good standing from AMTRA
A personal statement (300-400 words) explaining why you wish to study for the Diploma.

Which modules will I study?

Students may choose modules based on personal preference. There is no upper limit as to how many modules can be studied

What are the modules?

Reflective Practitioner (15 credits) - The module covers personal and professional development. Taught content includes applying academic literature and writing, reflection, evaluation and critique to work based scenarios for quality improvement'*

Advanced SQP Practice (20 credits) - The module includes practical lab skills, pharmacology (understanding drug mechanisms), resistance development and management, pharmacovigilance, responsible prescribing, and considering environmental impacts.

Herd Health Planning (10 credits) - The module covers health and welfare assessments, data management, disease prevention strategies, assurance schemes, animal welfare, and the roles of paraprofessionals.

*Designed to be studied first, although this is not essential.

Companion Animal Nutrition (10 credits) - The module encompasses anatomy and physiology of the digestive system, nutrition for various life stages and lifestyles, roles of nutrients with nutritional analysis, diet formulation, and considerations of customer factors and communication.

Equine Nutrition (10 credits) - The module covers anatomy and physiology of the digestive system, nutrition tailored for different life stages and work levels, roles of nutrients with nutritional analysis, medical disorders and nutrition's role, feedstuffs and their composition, and diet formulation techniques.

Farm Animal Nutrition (10 credits) - The module includes study areas such as nutrients and digestion for both ruminant and non-ruminant animals, feed characterization and various feeding systems, understanding nutrient requirements and food intake, developing effective feeding strategies, and exploring the roles of minerals and vitamins in animal nutrition.

How many CPD points will I gain?

Module	Points
Advanced SQP Practice	90
Companion Animal Nutrition	97
Equine Nutrition	97
Farm Animal Nutrition	97
Herd Health Planning	105
Reflective Practitioner	90

When will the modules run?

- **Advanced SQP Practise:** October 2026, with applications closing 21st August 2026.
- **Farm Animal Nutrition:** January 2027, with applications closing 4th December 2026.
- **Herd Health Planning:** April 2027, with applications closing 12th March 2027.
- **Reflective practitioner,** equine nutrition and companion animal nutrition will run in the Academic Year 2027/2028.

Module prices vary based on credits:
10 credits: £500
15 credits: £750
20 credits: £1000

Contact us!

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