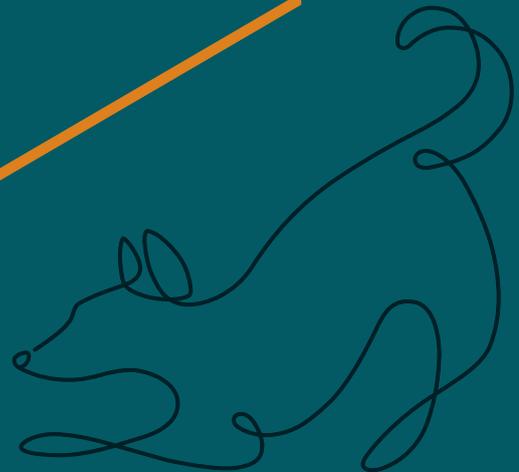
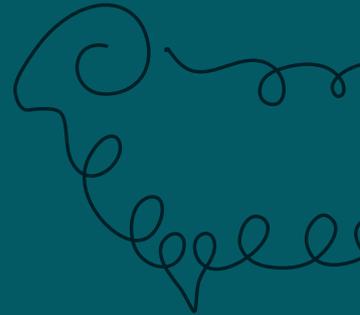
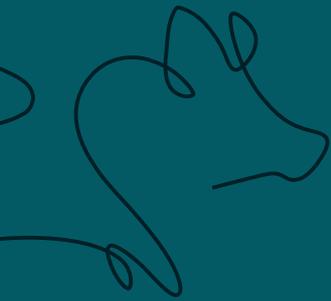
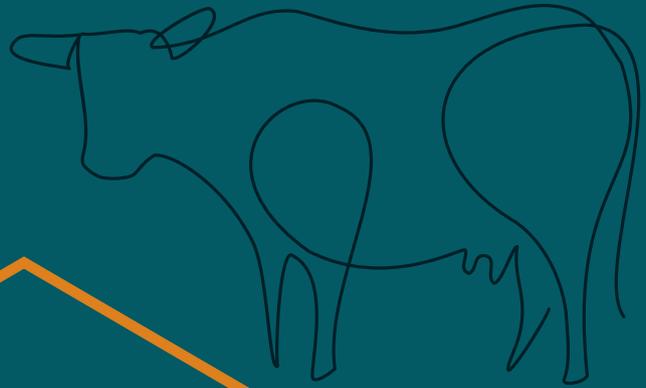
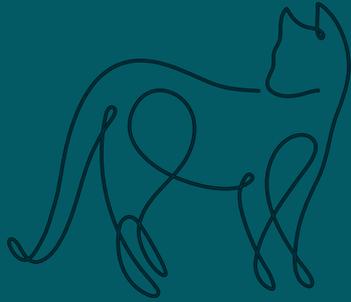




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Why apply to this veterinary course?

Vets today need broad skill sets. The curriculum at the Harper and Keele Veterinary School has been designed to enhance the confidence, capability and resilience of the veterinary graduate.

A team teaching approach means that a core of permanent Harper and Keele Veterinary School staff are supplemented by practising vets from industry – ensuring that graduates are “job-ready” for a first opinion practice. This engagement with current industry through the course is enabled by the existing network of relationships with veterinary practices that has been developed to support Harper’s Veterinary Nursing and Veterinary Physiotherapy courses.

Practising vets are looking for graduates with the experience that comes from having been trained in an industry-focused environment. As Jess Hulme, of Shires Vets, said; “Veterinary students need to be exposed to current practitioners in their training. And they also need to be able to access a wide variety of EMS placements that are relevant to their studies and interests – whether that be in large, small or equine practices.”

All of the modules taught in the new school have been designed specifically with the modern vet in mind and are bespoke to the course. In each year, 90 of the credits in the new course focus on the core clinical skills, but the remaining 30 credits focus on broadening vet competencies in veterinary public health, professional skills, communication, ethics, well-being and business practice. However, in order to foster team working skills, there will be opportunities for Vet School students to practise alongside Veterinary Nursing students where relevant.

Inclusive Access

The Harper and Keele Vet School is committed to providing fair access to students from all educational and social backgrounds. To this end contextual data is used in the admissions process.

To be eligible for a reduced offer by one grade, applicants are required to have either a) spent 3 months or more in Local Authority care within the past 2 years or b) have each of the following flags: POLAR4 quintile 1 (which denotes that an applicant lives in a low participation in HE neighbourhood) and having studied at a school with a below average attainment 8 score.

Applicants must otherwise meet the normal entry requirements.

The application

In numbers

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The target number of UK/EU places on the Harper and Keele veterinary course for 2020. In 2021 it is anticipated that the intake will increase to 110. As this is a new course we are unable to provide numbers of applications.

Work experience

We require all our applicants for the Bachelors of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery course to demonstrate that they meet our minimum work experience requirements of at least two weeks (70 hours) in a veterinary practice and four weeks (140 hours) in other animal environments (e.g. kennels, cattery, animal shelter, farm, stables, zoo, pet shop, etc.) from within the two years directly preceding the 15 October application deadline. Work experience completed more than two years before the deadline will not be counted towards the requirements but can still be included on the form for wider context.

Tests and questionnaires before selection event

All applicants must submit an online work experience form by 15 October. The form must be submitted independently of, and in addition to, the UCAS application. The Harper and Keele Veterinary School will not normally contact applicants reminding them to submit the form before the deadline. The form will be available on the Vet School website for the duration of the UCAS application window at the following page: www.harperkeelelevetschool.ac.uk

Criteria used for calling for selection event

All applicants will be considered on an equal basis, against criteria which will be determined at the start of the Admissions cycle. Shortlisting for the selection event is based on previous qualifications awarded e.g. GCSEs or equivalent, qualifications currently being taken, work experience, supporting statement and reference. Contextual admissions data will also be taken into account to support our aspirations for a diverse student population.

Selection Event

All applicants to this course must attend a selection event if invited and cannot receive an offer without attending such an event. The selection events will be held at the Harper Adams campus from November to March and all applicants must ensure they are available during this time.

The selection event will comprise of up to six activities. These will include, mini interviews and practical tasks. The selection event will take a maximum of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Weighting of offers made after interview

The final decision on the offer of a place will be made entirely on the basis of the selection event.

Typical conditional offers

All applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade A/7 or above including:

- Science and Additional Science

OR

- Biology and Chemistry.

with at least a grade B/6 in:

- English Language;
- Mathematics;
- Physics (if taken as a separate GCSE).

Qualification Type	Offer
A Level	AAB including Biology at grade A or Chemistry at grade A. A second science subject preferably at A but no lower than B. A third subject of your choice excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking.
IB	Overall 34 with 6, 6, 6 at Higher Level including Biology or Chemistry and a second science. A third subject of your choice. Also a minimum of 5, 5, 5 in Standard Levels.
Pearson BTEC Level 3 National extended Diploma	D*D*D* in one of the following: Animal Management With at least a Distinction in the following units: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Biology• Animal Health and Diseases• Advanced Animal Nutrition• Animal Breeding and Genetics Applied Science (all routes) Candidates should have taken at least 4 from the following Optional units: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 Physiology of Human Body Systems• 9 Human Regulation and Reproduction• 10 Biological Molecules and Metabolic Pathways• 11 Genetics and Genetic Engineering• 12 Diseases and Infections• 13 Applications of Inorganic Chemistry• 14 Applications of Organic Chemistry



Qualification Type	Offer
City and Guilds Level 3 National Extended Diploma	D* in Animal Management With a Distinction in the following units: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and Promote Animal Health • Understand the Principles of Animal Biology • Understand the Principles of Animal Nursing • Understand Anatomy and Physiology • Understand the Principles of Animal Nutrition
Access to HE Diploma	Pass Access to HE Diploma with 45 level 3 credits at Distinction. Diplomas must be Science based and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 15 Level 3 credits in Biology or Chemistry and an additional 15 Level 3 credits in a second Science subject. And, if the gap between commencement of the Diploma and prior formal study is at least three years, the minimum GCSE requirement is each of Maths, English Language and Science GCSE grades B/6.
SQA Higher and Advanced Higher	AA in Advanced Higher in Biology or Chemistry; minimum of grades AABBB at Higher level, to include Biology and Chemistry. A minimum of five grade As at National 5s to include Maths, English Language, Chemistry and Biology (or double science) and Physics if taken.
Irish leaving Certificate	6 x H2 or 1xH1, 4xH2, 1xH3 To include Biology and Chemistry
Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate	Acceptable in lieu of 3rd A level. Candidates will still need to have grade A in A Level Biology or Chemistry and an A in a second science.
Graduates	Normally minimum 2i in any honours degree plus minimum of BBB at A-level, including biology or chemistry; students with good degrees (1st or 2i) in an animal-related or bioscience discipline who do not meet the A-level requirements are welcome to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis alongside all other applicants.
Gateway courses	Harper Adams Extended Degree Programme – Successfully complete the year and achieve a minimum of 75% in modules studied. Keele – Veterinary Medicine and Surgery with Foundation Year programme All other external Veterinary Science Foundation Years will be considered on a case by case basis.

