MSc/PGDip Veterinary Physiotherapy

Study the theory and practice of veterinary physiotherapy, leading to a professional qualification.

Flexible study at weekends

Theory and practical

Small group learning

Third-year MSc research project

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Overview
This course will enable you to become a qualified veterinary physiotherapist in two years. The MSc offers an additional year, which will be based around a research project to strengthen your knowledge.

Suitable for musculo-skeletal practitioners, veterinary nurses, veterinary surgeons, and those wishing to change career direction, who do not already have a veterinary or physiotherapy qualification.

Content
You’ll gain the academic and practical skills needed to be a veterinary physiotherapist. Keys skills covered include:
- electrotherapy
- exercise programming
- physiotherapy

Structure
The course duration is two academic years for the PGDip, or three academic years for the MSc. The first two years of both courses are the same and are taught over one weekend per month, giving you the flexibility to study while you continue working. The third year of the MSc is focussed around a research project linked with veterinary physiotherapy.

For the PGDip, you’ll need to complete 120 credits of the taught modules. For the MSc, you’ll need to complete 180 credits, including a research project.

Teaching will be delivered at our modern veterinary school, based on Sutton Bonington Campus. The school has a variety of teaching facilities, including:
- small-group teaching rooms
- a large anatomy laboratory
- teaching laboratories
- a large clinical skills laboratory
- other clinical skills rooms

Modules
Typical modules include:
- Foundations of Professional Practice
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Investigating Pathophysiology
- Foundations of Clinical Practice
- Applied Clinical Skills
- Project Proposal and Development
- Clinical Reasoning and Reporting

Entry requirements
2:2 (or international equivalent) in a relevant subject. Prior learning experience may be taken into account for mature applicants.

A good working knowledge of animal care and handling is also required, evidenced via a minimum of six weeks hands-on animal related work experience.

“The course is a brilliant mix of practical, hands-on skills with animals and high levels of academic challenge. With expert tutors and amazing resources at the vet school, it’s a great place to learn.”

Alison Nichols,
First year MSc Veterinary Physiotherapy

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