Royal Veterinary College
University of London

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. Applies to cohort commencing in:	N/A (published for 2021/22)
2. Degree Granting Body	None
3. Awarding institution	RCVS
4. Teaching institution	RVC (not taught, assessment only)
5. Programme accredited by	RCVS
6. Name and title	Certificate of Advanced Veterinary Practice (Cert AVP)
7. Intermediate and Subsidiary Award(s)	N/A
8. Course Management Team	Course Director, Jill Maddison and module leaders
9. FHEQ Level of Final Award	Level 7 See: https://www.qaa.ac.uk/quality-code/qualifications-and-credit-frameworks
10. Date of First Intake	2008
11. Frequency of Intake	Continuous
12. Duration and Mode(s) of Study	2 years of each module at RVC, 10 years for overall certificate starting at the date of first module pass (modules can be obtained from other institutions) Mode is online (distance learning) See https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/certavp

13. Registration Period *(must be in line with the General Regulations for Study and Award)* **per module**	Full Time		Part Time	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
	N/A	N/A	N/A	2 years

14. Timing of Examination Board meetings	October (C modules) and February (A and B modules)
15. Date of Last Periodic Review	26th November 2015
16. Date of Next Periodic Review	2021
17. Language of study and assessment	English
18. Entry Requirements	Need to be qualified for one year and have a veterinary degree which is recognised by the RCVS
19. UCAS code	N/A
20. HECoS Code	100531
21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark	N/A
22. Other External Reference Points	
N/A	
23. Aims of programme	

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• The aim of the qualification is to provide a modular route to a recognised level of attainment for practising veterinary surgeons, so that they may perform as competent independent practitioners, delivering a consistently high standard of practice to their clients. • The framework also aims to provide a structure for continuing professional development and lifelong learning.	

24. Overall Programme Level Learning Outcomes - the programme offers opportunities for students to achieve and demonstrate the following learning outcomes. Learning outcomes should be specified for all intermediate awards as well as for the terminal award.

On successful completion of the Certificate of Advanced Veterinary Practice, students will need to demonstrate:
 	
 • a thorough understanding of the knowledge base and a critical awareness of developments at the forefront of their area of professional practice;
 • a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own area of practice;
 • originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and clinical enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in their professional area;
 • conceptual understanding that enables them to
   - evaluate critically current literature and research in their professional area and
   - evaluate clinical methodologies and techniques, and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate to propose new approaches to professional practice.
	All modules support these learning outcomes.

Typically, holders of the qualification will be able to: • deal with complex issues in an organised and creative manner, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate their conclusions clearly to veterinary colleagues and to non-veterinary audiences, including clients; • demonstrate self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems, and act autonomously in planning and implementing tasks in their professional area of work; • continue to advance their knowledge and understanding, and to develop new skills to a high level; *Candidates will have the qualities and transferable skills necessary for professional veterinary work requiring:* • the exercise of initiative and personal responsibility; • decision-making in complex and unpredictable situations; and • the independent learning ability required for continuing professional development.	

25. Teaching/learning methods	Approximate total number of hours
Lectures	N/A
Practical Classes	N/A
Clinical Rotations	N/A
Seminars	N/A
Tutorials	N/A
Directed Learning Sessions	N/A

26. Assessment methods	Percentage of total assessment load
Coursework	Depends on the module – usually 80-100% of the assessment load
Written Exams	Depends on the module – between 0 and 20%

27. Feedback

Describe how and when students will receive feedback, individually or collectively, on their progress in the course overall

Extensive written feedback is provided on all written work. Student can also book one-on-one feedback from the course or module leaders

28. Programme structures and requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards

The CertAVP consists of multiple modules which a student may take at a variety of assessing institution.

	Module Title	FHEQ Level	Credits	Compulsory or optional
Anytime, though completion of module recommended before moving on to C modules	A-FAVP.1 Foundations of Advanced Veterinary Practice	7	10	Compulsory
Anytime, though completion of module recommended before moving on to C modules	B-EP.3 Equine Practice	7	10	One B module is compulsory
Anytime, though completion of module recommended before moving on to C modules	B-PAP.2 Production Animal Practice (Cattle, Sheep and Camelids)	7	10	One B module is compulsory
Anytime, though completion of module recommended before moving on to C modules	B-SAP.1 Small Animal Practice	7	10	One B module is compulsory
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-E.1 Equine Gastrointestinal Disease and Intensive Care	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before	C-E.2 Equine Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases	7	10	Optional

moving on to C modules				
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-E.3 Equine General Medicine	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-E.4 Equine Neuromuscular, Behaviour and Special Senses	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAM.7 Small Animal Neurological Medicine	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAM.8 Small Animal Medicine A	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAM.9 Small Animal Medicine B	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAM.10 Small Animal Medicine C	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAS.1 Small Animal Surgical Practice (Core)	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAS.2 Soft Tissue Surgery A	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAS.3 Soft Tissue Surgery B	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP	C-SAS.6 Orthopaedic Surgery A	7	10	Optional

and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules				
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-SAS.7 Orthopaedic Surgery B	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-VA.1 Small Animal Anaesthesia and Analgesia	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-VA.2 Equine Anaesthesia and Analgesia	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-VA.3 Critical Care and Analgesia	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-VP.1 Basic Tissue Pathology, Necropsy and Biopsy	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-VP.2 Clinical Pathology - Laboratory Diagnostics	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C-VWT.1 Veterinary Workplace Teaching	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–ECC.1 Critical Care	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–ECC.2 Emergency Care A	7	10	Optional

Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–ECC.3 Emergency Care B	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VC.1 Cardiovascular Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VC.2 Cardiovascular Diagnostics	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VC.3 Cardiovascular Therapeutics	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VDI.1 Diagnostic Imaging in Practice	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VDI.2 Small Animal Imaging (Orthopaedic)	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VDI.3 Small Animal Imaging (Soft Tissue)	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VDI.4 Large Animal Diagnostic Imaging A	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VDI.5 Large Animal Diagnostic Imaging B	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before	C–VPH.1 Animal Welfare in the Food Chain	7	10	Optional

moving on to C modules				
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	C–VPH.2 Hygienic Production of Food	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	VPC: C-VCG.1 Clinical Governance in Veterinary Practice	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	VPC: C-VCM.1 Principles of Coaching and Mentoring Development in Veterinary Practice	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	VPC: C-VGP.1 Clinical Audit	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	VPC: C-VGP.2 Consultation Skills	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	VPC: C-VGP.3 Professional Responsibility and Practice	7	10	Optional
Anytime, though completion of AFAVP and 1 x B module recommended before moving on to C modules	VPC: C-VML.1 Principles of Veterinary Management and Leadership	7	10	Optional
29. Work Placement Requirements or Opportunities		N/A		
30. Student Support		http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students		
31. Assessment Assessment and Award Regulations on RVC website: http://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures				

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