

Information for DSA Needs Assessors,

September 2024

Disabled Service Contact Information (for the ‘contacts’ section of the report).

Name	The Disability Team
Role	Disability Advice Service
Telephone Number	(main switchboard) 020 8051 3500
Email	disability@rvc.ac.uk
Address	The Royal Veterinary College Royal College Street London NW1 0TU

Recommended NMH Providers: BAND 4 – Specialist Access and Learning Support Providers

The college has worked closely with the following providers to help ensure they can offer appropriate support for students on intensive veterinary medicine / animal sciences course and recommends needs assessors should check potential support availability with these providers in the first instance: -

Specialist Mentor – Mental Health (SM-MH), Specialist Mentor – Autism Spectrum Conditions (SM-ASC)

University Mentoring Organisation

UMO Ltd

PO Box 70266

London N4 9BZ

Tel: 020 3582 9730 (Monday to Friday 08.30 to 17.30 UK time)

Email: info@umo.services

Information at <https://umo.services/>

Specialist one-to-one Study Skills and Strategy Support – Autism Spectrum Conditions (SS-ASC) or Specialist one-to-one Study Skills and Strategy Support – Specific Learning Difficulties (SS-SPLD)

Equality Focus

Equality Focus Ltd,
79 Gallows Hill Lane,
Abbots Langley,
Hertfordshire WD5 0DD
Tel: 01923 517850
Email: info@equalityfocus.co.uk
Information at <http://www.equalityfocus.co.uk/>

Course-related information.

Please explore and consider the demands of placements and practical research activities during the needs assessment.

Veterinary Medicine and related degrees can take 4 to 6 years to complete and include a large amount of time spent on placements and on hospital 'rotations' on and off the campuses. Typically, the first two years of the pre-clinical training are undertaken at the Camden campus and the last three years of clinical training undertaken at the Hawkshead campus, Potters Bar. Students can choose to undertake placement-based study activities across the UK.

The Veterinary Nursing degrees at the RVC follow a part-academic / part vocational route.

Other BSc. undergraduate degrees (including MSCi courses) can include a sandwich year and have a significant research element.

Most courses have significant placement / research elements. Students will have the best chance of success if they have fully explored the range of strategies they can use during placements e.g. organisation aids, use of ongoing NMH support via remote methods, aids to executive functioning, study and research tools.

Information for section “B-4 Higher Education Provider Support / Reasonable Adjustments”

Location and Physical Access.

The college is based on 2 campuses:

Camden: Royal College Street London NW1 0TU and Hawkshead: Hawkshead Lane, Hatfield Hertfordshire AL9 7TA (includes Boltons Park Farm)

Campus accessibility information will be listed on <https://www.accessable.co.uk/> in due course. Meanwhile please contact the college directly if you have any concerns about physical access to the campuses.

The Camden campus is located 'within walking distance' of Camden Road TFL overland station, Mornington Crescent TFL underground station and Kings Cross St Pancras national/TFL stations.

Buses also run between these locations and the campus for example the 46 bus route, more information at <https://tfl.gov.uk/bus/route/46/>. For information about accessible routes via TFL check <https://tfl.gov.uk/transport-accessibility/plan-an-accessible-journey>

Students with additional support needs while travelling into or across London can try arranging support in advance via the passenger assist service <https://booking.passengerassistance.com/>

The college operates a shuttle bus between Potters Bar Rail Station and the Hawkshead Campus.

Assistive Technology.

The college currently provides ClaroRead and Inspiration on networked PCs for students to access. Software available for demonstration and evaluation in the Disability Service includes Boost, Caption.Ed, EquatIO, Glean, Read & Write and TalkType.

Lecture Capture/Recording.

The college uses Panopto for recording and delivery of lectures and other teaching/learning resources. Information about accessibility features of Panopto can be found at <https://support.panopto.com/s/article/Learn-About-Accessibility-Features>

Examinations & Assessments.

Students should contact the disability team in the first instance to discuss reasonable adjustments in examinations/assessments.

Study Skills.

The college provides study skills support for all students, including help with time management, academic reading skills, research techniques, revision and examination skills. More information can be found at <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students/getting-support/study-skills>

Student Advice and Wellbeing.

Students can find out about the range of wellbeing, advice and support available at the college by referring to <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students/getting-support/advice-centre/health-and-wellbeing> or by contacting advice@rvc.ac.uk

Further information about disability support at the college.

More information about the support available at the college can be found at <https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students/getting-support/advice-centre/disabilities-dyslexia-and-long-term-health-differences> or by contacting the disability team on disability@rvc.ac.uk