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Delving Deeper into Wounds

Course Information Pack

Become the dedicated practice wound nurse!

6 month blended learning course
2 contact teaching days
4 distance learning modules
80 hours of accredited CPD

- Wound physiology
- Optimised healing
- Management techniques
- Improving welfare and reducing costs

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Introduction

Wound management is a fundamental part of clinical practice but evidence suggests that there is a distinct lack of consistency in approach for open wound management and a lack of continuity of care between team members. Although some may say that wounds often heal despite what we do ambiguity in management undoubtedly leads to healing delay and less than optimal outcomes for all concerned.

In human healthcare the tissue viability nurse has taken the reins for overall standardisation and leadership in the approach to wound care. Working alongside the surgeon and clinical teams their role is to champion best practice and ensure that wound management processes are optimal. Responsible for the patient journey from initial presentation through periods of open wound management to surgical reconstruction it is a role that is undoubtedly of equal value in veterinary practice.



Veterinary practice is moving towards higher standards of clinical governance and evidence based techniques and a dedicated wound nurse is perfectly placed to review

and implement the changes required to raise standards. The BVNA/Veterinary Wound Library (VWL) Delving Deeper Into Wounds (DDIW) certificate is the first course of its kind to teach veterinary nurses to do just that. Over 6 months and 4 modules we teach the fundamentals of healing along with the skills required to go back to practice and really make a difference.

Course Aim

The DDIW course aims to provide delegates with an in depth knowledge of wound physiology, causes of healing delay and techniques available to optimise healing. This knowledge is then put into context through the final module which focuses on the skills required to identify needs, develop evidence based standards, to implement change and lead the team.

Developed with Georgie Hollis (Intelligent Wound Care Ltd and founder of the Vet Wound Library) the BVNA/VWL Delving Deeper into Wounds Certificate focuses on the role of the veterinary nurse as a leader in wound care standards. Over 6 months and 4 modules the course provides passionate veterinary nurses with the skills and knowledge to appraise products and practice, research evidence and implement change for the benefit of patients, the practice and its clients.

Not only does this put their new knowledge to work but provides vital experience in critical appraisal and leadership that will be essential should delegates choose to develop in their role as a specialist wound nurse.

Accreditation

The DDIW course is accredited by the national awarding organisation LANTRA. The course is delivered in accordance with LANTRA guidelines with recognition providing



reassurance to delegates and employers alike that the education is being delivered to a high standard.

Course Delivery and Content

The course is delivered in a blended learning format and via an online learning platform (Moodle) and includes two attendance days spread over four modules. The themes include: Physiology of wound healing; Optimal healing and the role of wound dressings; Factors of healing delay and Implementing change.

Delegates are expected to attend both teaching days which are an essential component of the course. Throughout the course students are supported by Georgie Hollis and the specialist panel from the Veterinary Wound Library (www.vetwoundlibrary.com). Membership to the Veterinary Wound Library is included for the duration of the course. This allows delegates and their practice to seek help for wound cases, including access to a wide range of wound product samples.

Induction and Contact Teaching Date

Start Date (Induction Day)	Contact Teaching Day*	Venue
1 March '18	14 June '18	Harlow, Essex
4 September '18	13 December '18	Harlow, Essex

*all other modules to have been completed before attendance

Assessment

Assessment is undertaken through a combination of written answers, online MCQ's, forum discussion, case studies and essays. A variety of short self assessments are also used providing delegates with an opportunity to check their understanding of the work undertaken.

Delegates are required to complete all self assessment tasks in order to progress with learning. Only once successfully completed will new content become available.



Marked Assessment

Within each module there will be a formal marked assessment, Delegates will be expected to gather clinical case information for TWO wound care case studies.

Instructions for completing the assignments will be clear, along with deadline dates and methods of submission. Tutors will mark and return the work as soon as possible and will endeavour to provide constructive and individual feedback to help highlight strengths, yet also encourage delegates to reach their full potential.

It will be necessary to complete all assessments with a minimum of 60% in each marked assessment. If candidates have been unsuccessful in an end of module assessment they will be given one further attempt to improve their grade, this cannot be deferred.

On Completion

This course is about making the Veterinary Wound Nurse a reality. It doesn't just teach the science of wound management but gives nurses the skills to audit and review practice so they can begin to make meaningful changes.

Having a dedicated wound nurse within the team will help to build strategies with clear recommendations and evidencing best practice thus improving animal welfare and increasing client confidence.



Successful candidates will achieve a certificate of training from LANTRA awards and BVNA.

CPD Hours: Minimum of 80, although additional reading and research is recommended.

Entry Requirements

This course is aimed at Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVNs) wishing to further their knowledge and work towards becoming a dedicated wound nurse within the veterinary practice.

It is essential that applicants:

- are Registered Veterinary Nurses
- have regular access to the internet and have a reasonable level of computer skills i.e. can create and upload documents
- work in a clinical environment which enables them to see wound cases. Candidates with limited access to case studies must be prepared to visit alternative practices to meet the assessment criteria for case studies

Course Costs

BVNA Members	£699 inc VAT
Non Members	£819 inc VAT

Costs include attendance at the induction day and contact teaching day, which are compulsory aspects of the course. (please note that accommodation is **NOT** included in these costs and this will be the responsibility of delegates)

No refunds will be issued for non-attendance. However, extenuating circumstances will be considered in line with BVNA extenuating circumstances policy.

How to Apply

To enrol online please visit <http://www.bvna.org.uk/cpd/delving-deeper-into-wounds>. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you once payment has been made.

Within 10 working days, you will receive an e-mail from BVNA confirming your enrolment and start dates.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I don't successfully complete the course within the 6 month period?

Candidates are expected to progress through the course at their own pace in line with the guidance provided. However, there is the expectation that candidates will have completed all three modules in preparation for the fourth module which incorporates the contact teaching day. Candidates that fail to complete the course, without approved extenuating circumstances, by the course end date but who still wish to complete for certification would need to apply for re-enrolment at full cost (subject to availability).

What happens if I cannot attend the induction or contact teaching days?

You must ensure that when you enrol, that you can attend both the induction and contact teaching day and that you can commit to completing the proceeding modules in the required time frame.

Exceptions will only be made when there are extenuating circumstances. In this case the BVNA will consider the case and feedback the decision to the candidate.

If it is agreed that you can defer, you will have the option to attend the next contact teaching day available. This may, however, include an additional fee dependent on the individual circumstances.

What happens if I fail an assessment?

It will be necessary to pass all assessments with a minimum of 60% in each marked assessment. If candidates have been unsuccessful in an end of module assessment they will be given one further attempt to improve their grade, this cannot be deferred. If a student fails on 2 occasions and wishes to re-take the assessments they would need to apply for re-enrolment at full cost (subject to availability).

How do I know what the course end date is?

All of the relevant course dates, including formal assessment deadlines will be available for you to view in your online profile. The course end date is approximately 6 months after the start date.

Why can't I get a place on the course immediately?

The course has a maximum number of candidates per intake. This is to ensure that you get the dedicated tutor support that is required whilst undertaking self-directed study. It also ensures that the induction and contact teaching days allow the opportunity for candidates to maximise the learning to their full potential giving ample opportunity for discussion and improving practical techniques.

Can I cancel my enrolment application?

You can cancel an application in line with BVNA CPD Terms and Conditions. A copy can be seen at www.bvna.org.uk or by e-mailing the BVNA Office cpd@bvna.co.uk