

## List of approved Access courses for application onto the 5-year BVSc Veterinary Science (D100) programme for 2025 entry.

A pass from a QAA Approved level 3 Access course at pre-approved colleges is required with 45 credits at Distinction to include 15 at level 3 Biology and 15 at level 3 Chemistry.

Approval of the access course MUST be obtained **prior** to application. Please see below for a list of further education colleges who provide Access courses which have already been approved, or contact [vetadmit@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:vetadmit@liverpool.ac.uk) for further information.

- Birbeck College, University of London (Certificate HE for Life Sciences)
- Brighton Metropolitan College
- City and Islington College (Access to Medicine)
- City of Liverpool College (Access to Science)

**Please note that these access courses are due to be reassessed during 2024**

### Additional Information

- We require 45 credits at Distinction to include 15 at level 3 Biology and 15 at level 3 Chemistry.
- We consider the Access Courses to be suitable for adult learners who should normally have been out of education for at least 5 years.
- We do not consider Access Courses to be appropriate for students who have failed to achieve the necessary A level grades in the last 5 years.
- At least 5 GCSE subjects at grade B/grade 6 including Maths, English and a Science subject.
- Vocational/Applied GCSEs are not accepted. Functional skills qualifications will not be considered in place of GCSEs.
- The GCSE requirements should be in place at the time of application. We are unable to consider pending grades at GCSE level.

### Work Experience

All candidates will be required to submit a work experience questionnaire – **deadline 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Applicants are expected to have gained a minimum of three weeks (15 days) work experience from the list below.

**At least one week needs to be from A or B.** If applicants are unable to secure a placement in veterinary practice then they **must** complete the [Virtual Work Experience and Exploring the Veterinary Profession MOOC](#), in addition to the 15 days of work experience.

- A. Veterinary Practice
- B. Working within commercial animal industry with core species (cattle, sheep, horses, pigs, poultry, dogs, cats, rabbits). Note that core species does not include wildlife or zoo placements. Commercial industry includes, charities, urban and other commercial farms, kennels, stables, rescue centres
- C. Working in a customer-facing role (e.g. within retail or hospitality industries).

The three weeks of work experience must be obtained within the five-year period directly preceding the application deadline, so for this year would be experience carried out from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Earlier experience is welcome but will not count towards this requirement. The work experience submission portal will require you to evidence how many working days or half days of experience you have gained. If you have completed your experience an hour or two at a time then as a guide, 3.5 hours is equivalent to a half day.

To be shortlisted for interview, applicants must meet our academic and work experience criteria. Interviews will take place via an online platform. Further details concerning the nature and timing of interviews will be provided in November 2024.

### **Selection**

Offers will be given to applicants with the highest scores at interview. We will then further review applicants with lower scores at interview and consider contextual data and prior academic performance (e.g. GCSEs). We give offers to around 50% of those we interview. We do not use personal statements as part of the application process for direct entry to the D100.

Further details on the admissions and work experience criteria for the 5-year BVSc Veterinary Science (D100) degree can be found on our website [Veterinary Science BVSc - how to apply - School of Veterinary Science - University of Liverpool](#). We suggest bookmarking this link as our criteria does change and therefore, ask applicants to regularly check our website, particularly in the year in which they are applying.