

BVSc

Foundation to Veterinary Science (Year 0)

UCAS code 74JJ

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

6 years

Apply by: **30 June 2026**Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

A year zero foundation programme, designed for mature students who have typically been out of formal education for some time or who have taken non-traditional qualifications, which leads to access onto a Veterinary Science BVSc programme.

Introduction

The University of Liverpool, in collaboration with local FE partners, has developed a year zero foundation programme for Home students that leads to access onto a variety of vocational Health Studies programmes. Our Foundation to Human and Animal Health Professions (Veterinary Science) course is for students seeking entry to undertake the Veterinary Science BVSc (D100) programme.

Students seeking entry to Veterinary Science will study at Carmel College, St Helens. [Carmel College](#) is located in St Helens, about nine miles from the main University campus. The College offers small class sizes and high standards of academic achievement.

This programme is specifically targeted at Home mature and non-traditional students, who typically have taken a break from studies.

Please note that we will not consider applications from prospective students who have multiple UCAS applications for a variety of programmes, as this does not demonstrate a clear commitment.

For further information on how to apply to this programme please contact: shs@liverpool.ac.uk.

What you'll learn

- Skills needed for independent study at undergraduate degree level
 - Undertaking a variety of learning methods and assessment tasks
 - A breadth of patient-focused practical experience in a region with a particularly diverse population
 - To fulfil the "[Day One Competences](#)" – a list of key skills set out by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
 - The knowledge, expertise and attitudes required for a career in clinical or academic veterinary practice, business or scientific research
 - Skills to become lifelong learners, committed to professional development
 - Ability to meet the needs of the profession as set out in the [Vet Futures report](#)
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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year zero

In all modules at year zero, the study skills needed for independent study at undergraduate degree level are developed. Students are also introduced to a variety of learning methods, such as formal taught sessions, workshops and practical laboratory sessions, as well as a variety of assessment tasks, such as written assignments, in class data handling, written and practical examinations to provide a good grounding for vocational programmes.

There are some shared modules for all students, and then route specific modules to ensure the students are prepared for their chosen undergraduate programmes.

Modules

| Compulsory modules | Credits |
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| BIOLOGY FOR HEALTH STUDIES 1 (HEAL001) | 22.5 |
| BIOLOGY FOR HEALTH STUDIES 2 (HEAL002) | 22.5 |
| CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH STUDIES 1 (HEAL008) | 22.5 |
| CHEMISTRY FOR HEALTH STUDIES 2 (HEAL009) | 22.5 |
| FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES FOR VETERINARY SCIENCE (HEAL012) | 20 |
| MATHS FOR VETERINARY SCIENCE (HEAL011) | 10 |

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

There is a combination of problem-based learning, didactic teaching and small-group practical classes allowing students to develop lifelong learning techniques.

The School of Health Sciences draws on over 100 years of teaching delivered by dedicated staff with real-world, practical experience. We are a hub for an extensive network of professionals, academics and researchers, so you can be confident that a degree from us will prepare you for a lifelong career in healthcare services.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

Careers and employability

Studying this degree will prepare you for a wide range of careers in animal sciences and the vast majority of veterinary students find employment within six months of graduation.

Most newly qualified vets choose to work in private veterinary practices but many graduates find work in:

- Laboratories
- Animal charities
- The public health sector
- Research
- Higher degrees like PhDs, or further studies in particular veterinary specialities.

You can explore the following postgraduate opportunities here at Liverpool:

- Veterinary Science MSc
- Veterinary Science PhD/MPhil/DVSc
- Bovine Reproduction DBR
- RCVS/Certificate in Advance Veterinary Practice.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,790

Foundation year fee - £9,790

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £1,465 (applies to year in China)

International fees

This course is not available to international students who require a visa to study in the UK. However, if you're a 'home' student and you've lived outside of the UK, you'll need to complete a fee status questionnaire as part of your application. We'll then assess your fee status and in some cases, home students who've lived outside of the UK may be required to pay the international fee rate. [Check your tuition fee status on our webpages.](#)

The fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

This programme is designed for mature students who have typically been out of formal education for some time (5 years or more) or who have taken non-traditional qualifications. Please note that we will not consider A-Level students or School Leavers. However, consideration may be given to candidates who studied some time ago. In order to give all applicants an equal opportunity, applicants who have been rejected following an interview will not normally be considered again. Consideration will be given to extenuating circumstances that warrant candidates applying with more recent qualifications on a case-by-case basis.

T levels

T levels are not currently accepted.

GCSE

5 GCSEs at a minimum of Grade 6 (B) to include Maths, English Language, Biology and Chemistry or dual combined science.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Students currently studying BTEC level 3 will not be considered; BTEC level 2 will not be accepted in lieu of GCSE

International Baccalaureate

Applicants currently studying for International Baccalaureate will not be considered

Irish Leaving Certificate

Applicants currently studying for Irish Leaving Certificate will not be considered

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

Applicants currently studying for Scottish Highers will not be considered

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

Applicants currently studying for Welsh Baccalaureate will not be considered

Graduate application

Applicants with a previous degree but do not meet criteria for direct entry to the degree programme will be considered if they are returning to education following a break.

Access

Applicants currently studying for an Access Diploma will not be considered. Mature students who have recently studied an access course (that is not eligible for direct entry) or have work- related qualifications will be considered.

Declaration of criminal background

Applicants may be expected to complete either a Declaration of Criminal Background or have a full Disclosure Barring Service check as part of their application.

Disability information

Additional support is given to students who have declared a disability on their UCAS application.

Work Experience Requirements

Evidence of knowledge and insight into the profession with emphasis on learning from work experience/observation is required. NB: Further details on specific work based experience requirements is available on the relevant degree programme pages.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as

that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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