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Welcome to your university course guide. Here you will find all the information you need for starting in September including your equipment list, trips, reading list and much more.

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Notable Guest Speakers



<u>Katie Lawrence</u> | Animal Rehabilitation and Health Academy, Electrophysical Agents

<u>Indiba</u> representative | market leader in radiofrequency devices

<u>Gill Batt</u> | Horse Bit Advise – fitting and management of horse bits in relation to equine movement

Research Highlights

Dissertation projects achieving 80% or more:

- The effects of lunging on the thoracic spine flexion Isabelle McCann
- Investigating the barriers perceived by the multidisciplinary team for the successful multimodal management of osteoarthritis – Dannielle Barber
- The effects of dynamic mobilisation exercises on horses jumping techniques – Diane Dowling
- A comparative study into the kinematics of the lumbosacral spine at the canter between croup high equines – Lauren Cranny

Graduate Destinations



Many students have set up their own business, other graduates have developed strong friendships while completing their course which have resulted in shared business ventures below are some of the business' that are run by our graduates

- Equine Referrals
- The Centre of Veterinary Physiotherapy & Rehabilitation
- The Animal Therapy Co.
- Curam Animal Physiotherapy
- Vulcan Veterinary Physiotherapy

Two graduates have progressed to postgraduate courses to train as a Mctimoney Chiropractor while continuing to work as Veterinary Physiotherapists:

- Lauren Cranny Veterinary Physiotherapist
- <u>Emily Davies works with Doggy Paddles</u> introducing equine Veterinary Physiotherapy to clients on the Isle of Weight

One student works as an advisor for Canine Arthritis Management

Tanya Sprunks

Other students have accepted Veterinary Physiotherapist positions within referral hospitals and Clinics.

Equipment List



Kit list

For your practical sessions at university there is certain uniform required:

<u>Veterinary Physiotherapy Tunic</u>—this tunic will be needed when working with the dogs in the Veterinary Nursing Clinical Suite and with the horses on the Equine Yard, in addition we would ask you to wear these on your shadowing days with external practitioners.

Specifically for equine practical:

- Jodhpurs
- Yard boots/hiking boots/riding boots no wellies
- Polo shirt/shirt with a collar
- Jumper no hoodies
- Riding hat and gloves

NB: No jewellery is allowed on the yard and hair tied up

Clinical Shadowing



Work experience is highly recommended and may be a requirement following your interview. If you are keen to do this or need to do this, here are some top tips!

For the placement to be best suited to the course requirement the Clinician you team up with for work experience will need to have been practicing as a Veterinary Physiotherapist for a minimum of 2 years if working as a Veterinary Physiotherapist full time or 4 years if practising part time.

Seeking work experience

- Show your enthusiasm to the clinician by following up with any communication. If you do not get a response to an email—telephone them or if possible pop into their clinic if allowed
- Submit a CV and a covering letter with any requests for work experience
- Expand the area you are looking in. It is reasonable to assume that travelling somewhere and maybe even staying in overnight accommodation may be required to experience the best possible placements.

Completing work experience

- When you arrive for your work experience ensure that you are dressed smartly and practically.
- Long hair should be tied up—no nail varnish or false nails.
 Minimal jewellery. Black trousers and black sensible shoes are recommended. Presentable tops— the practice may provide you with a scrub top to wear whilst you are there
- Ask questions! Offer to help and ask questions to show your enthusiasm to the profession
- Be prepared to be standing and observing for the most of the day





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