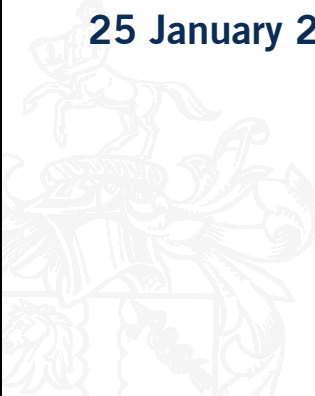


Partnerships in Lifelong Learning

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Certificate in
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RCVS Certificates: Past and Present

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RCVS Engagement in Higher Professional Qualifications

- 1876 Charter – Provision for Foundation Fellows, and Fellowships by Examination
- 1967 Supplemental Charter – Power to award Diplomas and Certificates (Anaesthesia and Radiology)
- 1980s Development of expanded range of Certificates
- 2006 Diploma holders = 424
- Certificate holders = 1987



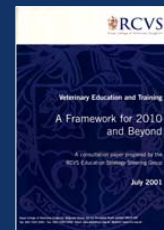
Concerns – late 1990s

- Small relative to size of profession
- Total enrolments remained disappointing
- Poor conversion of practice-based enrolments

Education Strategy Steering Group (2001)

(RCVS Council Approved including
Modular Certificates - 2002)

- Certificate restructured on modular lines
- “Full” Certificate possible in 2-3 years
(maximum 10 years)
- Possible new assessment models
- (Restriction to broad areas; minimum of “titles”)



Modular Certificates Working Party Chair: Sheila Crispin; 9 meetings

20 November 2002	First meeting
14 January 2003	Various models (core/option) considered, and favoured A/B/C solution first emerged at this meeting
28 April 2003	A/B/C structure confirmed
8 July 2003	First meeting with CPD providers
17 February 2004	SFEC receives full proposals from Working Party
2004-2006	Detailed development by CPD Subcommittee and Boards – university accreditation for assessment
2006 – date	Modular Certificates Committee

Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (CertAVP)

(60 credits \cong 600 hours notional study)

A	Professional Key Skills	15 credits
B ₀	Clinical Key Skills	5 credits
B ₁₋₆	Core Clinical Experience	10 credits
C	Optional modules - various species and discipline choices	10 credits



CertAVP – Combining Modules

- Must have A, B₀, at least one B and a balance of C modules to a total of 60 credits
- Individual modules may be completed at different universities
- A customised portfolio in diverse disciplines will achieve CertAVP
- A portfolio following Board approved combinations of modules offers option of CertAVP (.....)
- CertAVP → CertAVP (.....) following synoptic assessment arranged by RCVS

Assessment Strategies

Universities to develop valid and reliable approaches based on desired learning outcomes.

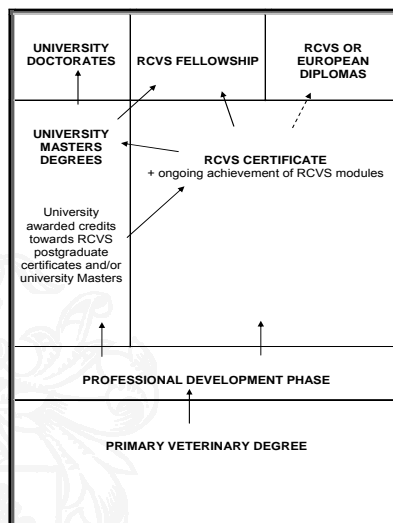
RCVS suggestions:

- A Professional Key Skills
Summative Essays which combine theory, experience, reflection
- B₀ Clinical Key Skills
Multiple Choice / Short Answer
- B Core Clinical Experience
Formative case reports and reflective essay
Intention is achievement in own right and preparation for C modules
- C Optional Modules
Varied assessments as appropriate



Articulation / Progression

VETERINARY POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK



RCVS 'Recognised Specialist' status is open to those who hold a Diploma or equivalent level qualification.

Accreditation

- University only (but may include non-university partners)
- Not just veterinary schools
- Application is for accreditation to assess
- Must include assessment only route for independent learners
- Evidence that assessments are robust
 - Appropriate QA systems in place
 - Appropriate for skills being tested
- Must include names of partners (if any) for CPD delivery

