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**Postgraduate
Certificate in
Small Animal
Medicine**



At the BSAVA we are deeply committed to enabling veterinary professionals to achieve their ambitions in their chosen fields.

Our Small Animal Medicine Postgraduate Certificate is designed with you in mind; empowering you to enhance your career in a supportive environment. We know that flexibility is important, so we offer a hybrid learning model that can be tailored to suit you. Our teaching standards are exceptional; and so is our community of learners, allowing you to confidently enhance your skills and knowledge.

I am proud to offer our Postgraduate Certificate Programmes to the profession and look forward to supporting you on your learning journey.

Laura Haddock
Academic Manager

Supportive learning at the BSAVA

Why choose the BSAVA for your Postgraduate Certificate?



➤ **Designed by vets for vets**

Our courses are built to meet the needs of veterinary professionals, particularly those in first opinion practice.

➤ **Learn from the best**

Benefit from outstanding speakers and enjoy a top-tier educational experience from a world-renowned association established over 60 years ago.

➤ **Join a thriving community**

We are proud to have helped over 700 vets advance their education and enhance their careers.

➤ **Consistent support**

You will be supported by a team of tutors and mentors throughout your studies. Our courses are arranged into taught units, giving you the structure and guidance you need to succeed.

➤ **Work-life balance**

Our hybrid and flexible learning model is designed to seamlessly fit around your work-life balance. You can take up to 5 years to complete your studies, giving you peace of mind should life take some unexpected turns.

What our students say

“
It is extremely rewarding.”



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I use it every day to assist colleagues and deliver an overall improved client experience and most importantly patient care... Being able to provide a sensible in-house plan with a sensible prognosis and treatment options really is invaluable... I wish I had done this years ago!”

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It has been a fabulous experience and I would recommend it to anyone. The course structure was really accessible and as a working mum the modular format helped me fit it around family life.”



Introducing the Small Animal Medicine Certificate



Take your career to new heights and aim for excellence in practice with the Small Animal Medicine Postgraduate Certificate. Designed to strengthen your medical knowledge, problem-solving skills and decision making, with the course covering a wide variety of medical conditions. It builds your confidence in handling complex medical cases, while offering a flexible, independent learning experience backed by consistent, expert support.

This flexible programme combines independent learning with high level support and resources to help you succeed.

Upon completion, you will be awarded the BSAVA Postgraduate Certificate in Small Animal Medicine (BSAVAPGcertSAM).

A Postgraduate Certificate with the BSAVA

- › 60 academic credits at level 7
- › Approved qualification for the RCVS advanced practitioners list
- › Validated by Nottingham Trent University
- › Membership of the RCVS knowledge with access to the RCVS knowledge library

Key facts

- › **Start date:** January
- › **Duration:** Three years with extended study available if needed
- › **Price:** £4,444 + VAT per year, with total prices starting from £13,332 + VAT

The course structure

Our Small Animal Medicine Postgraduate Certificate is designed for part-time study and delivered through a combination of in-person teaching days at our outstanding facilities and guided, self-paced online activities; giving you the benefits of both in-person and online education.

Students will have access to the BSAVA education learning site which outlines your programme clearly, and provides learning outcomes, important dates, notes, webinars, discussion forums and more.



Structure and learning

The course consists of two modules, equating to a total of 200 study hours per year (including self study). We also include a Professional Key Skills course (at no extra cost), which will provide you with the academic requirements needed to gain Advanced Practitioner status from the RCVS.

Module I

- › **Twenty units:** each comprised of:
 - **An in-person day course** including lectures, and interactive case-based discussions and activities,
 - **A period of online study**, featuring webinars and interactive activities, with ongoing support from the subject specialist and a dedicated member of the BSAVA team.
- › **One written examination:** testing the knowledge you have acquired in Module I, prior to progressing to Module II.

Module II

A Casebook is submitted at the end of the third year, this allows you to showcase your ability to work through cases logically, justify your clinical decisions and evaluate outcomes in the context of published literature. Here's what is involved...

- › **Eight case reports** make up the casebook. Designed to be completed by vets working in first opinion practice and don't require specialist equipment.
- › **Two reflective commentaries** focusing on the veterinary skills you have developed.

You will benefit from a dedicated casebook tutor to ensure you have the support you need.

Course content

Below is a breakdown of the units you will cover within the programme.

Endocrinology I

Endocrinology II

Respiratory

Clinical Pathology and Cytology

Cardiovascular

Immunology

Gastrointestinal I

Toxicology

Ophthalmology / Dermatology

Gastrointestinal II

Neurology

Clinical nutrition

Haematology

Critical care

Oncology I

Kidney

Lower Urinary tract

Oncology II

Reproduction and Neonatology

Infectious disease



Facilities

Course days are divided between Woodrow House in Gloucestershire, the heart of the BSAVA, and conferencing facilities in Manchester providing perfect venues for learning and networking.



How to get started?

To enrol in the BSAVA Postgraduate Certificate:

- › Applicants must hold a veterinary qualification
- › UK based applicants must be on the RCVS Home Practising Register
- › Applicants based outside the UK must hold a veterinary qualification that would entitle them to register as members of the RCVS.
- › Applicants must have spent a minimum of one year in Veterinary Practice.
- › Veterinary surgeons who qualified in 2007 or later and who are based in the UK must have completed the RCVS Professional Development Phase (PDP) or Graduate Development Programme (VetGDP) before they can enrol.

As the course is taught and assessed in English, applicants must have a good command of spoken and written English. We do not enforce testing but suggest a minimum British Council IELTS grade requirement of 6.5 or equivalent. Equivalent experience may include the successful completion of a degree or other accredited postgraduate qualification in the English language or a significant period of residence/work placement in an English-speaking country.

Fees overview:

- › **Annual enrolment fee for 2027:** £4,444 + VAT
- › **Total fees:** From £13,332 + VAT
- › Fees are to be paid annually prior to course commencement
- › For the first three years of study, the annual enrolment fee applies. If studies are extended, then only a significantly reduced enrolment is payable in years 4 and 5.

What's included:

- › **Course attendance:** Full access to all content, including teaching days, practical sessions and online units.
- › **Extensive online resources:** Enjoy comprehensive access to our online materials, from webinars to forums, BSAVA publications and even our formulary.
- › **BSAVA Membership:** Benefit from full BSAVA membership for the duration of your studies.
- › **RCVS Knowledge Membership:** Access the comprehensive RCVS Knowledge Library and all its valuable resources.
- › **Examination fees:** All assessment and examination costs are included.
- › **Academic and pastoral support:** Continuous guidance from our tutoring and mentoring teams throughout your studies.
- › **University registration:** Your registration with Nottingham Trent University is part of the package.
- › **Discounts:** Get reduced rates for BSAVA Events and special prices on BSAVA manuals.

How to apply

Enrolling in the BSAVA Postgraduate Certificate programme is simple, and we're here to guide you, every step of the way.

At the BSAVA we've designed a smooth process to help you join our Postgraduate Certificate programme. You can register anytime during the year, making it convenient to fit your schedule. To secure your place, apply via our website (www.bsava.com/education/postgraduate-certificates). Since places are allocated on a first come first served basis, early application is encouraged.



Let's talk...

If you have any questions or need further support, we're here to help.
Contact us via phone at 01452 726700 or email us at certificate@bsava.com.
You can also check our FAQs for more information at bsava.com/education/education-faqs.

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