



# Veterinary Nursing Training Package Development

Skills Impact

Submission from the Australian Veterinary Association Ltd



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## AVA Response to Vet Nursing Training Package

As part of the Review in the Vet Nurse Training Package we are satisfied that our recommendations listed below were accepted.

1. That the Certificate II in animal studies has been accepted as a prerequisite.
2. That the specific units in anatomy and physiology, specific nutrition, anaesthesia and analgesia and pharmacology have been incorporated into the training package.
3. That the Veterinary specific WHS Unit has been retained.

We as industry need the package to meet our specific industry needs. We are not prepared at this stage to validate and endorse the Veterinary Nurse Training Package without the following recommendations being incorporated.

1. All students commencing the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing should have guaranteed access to a veterinary workplace or be employed prior to commencing study.
2. Workplaces should have support systems in place to ensure that learning is facilitated. As rigorous assessment is not included at this stage of the training package we support a regulated 800 hours of work placement.
3. We do not support the inclusion of specific assessment and validation of assessment in a Companion Guide. We want set assessment criteria and methods and volume of assessment included the package. This will facilitate standardization of the qualifications.
4. All Veterinary Nursing students must be practically assessed in the workplace by an independent qualified assessor. This is essential for day one skills.

We are proud that the AVA can work with the VNCA and the NIAG for Veterinary Nursing to lift and maintain the standards of Veterinary Nursing in Australia. The AVA would be disappointed should this review not lead to positive change.