

ACM Veterinary Nursing Review summary of proposed changes for Broad consultation

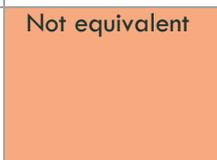
Broad consultation – February-March 2026

Document modification history		
February 6, 2026	Version 1.2	Update: New Skill Set ACMSSXXX02 added to the table <i>Summary of proposed changes to draft Skill Set</i> .

Key to qualification/skill set/unit outcomes

	Major Change (New Code) - This component is proposed to be updated, with a new code		Merged - This component is being proposed to be merged with another component		Split – This component has been split into one or more components		Minor Change (Same Code) – This component is proposed to be updated with very minor changes		Newly created component		Deleted - This component is proposed for deletion
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Summary of proposed changes to draft Qualification

Current qualification code on TGA	Current qualification Title on TGA	Temporary new qualification code	Proposed new qualification title	Qualification outcome	Summary of changes for Broad Consultation
ACM40418	Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing	ACM4X426	Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing	 Not equivalent	Description wording changed significantly. Reference to number of hours of required work placement removed from Description. Units requiring mandatory work placement for assessment are indicated by # in the qualification.

Summary of changes made during Initial Drafts for Broad Consultation – Veterinary Nursing Review – January 2026

					<p>Entry requirements have been expressed as competencies as required by the Training Package Organising Framework (TPOF) and requirements for specified qualifications or defined pathways have been removed.</p> <p>Total number of units to complete the qualification remain the same, but core units reduced by 2 from 17 to 15 and elective units increased from 4 to 6.</p> <p>Significant changes to units of competency including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all units re-templated with 7 units in Application of Knowledge and Skills (ASK) format • 1 new unit • 2 units reclassified from veterinary nursing (VET) to general animal care (GEN) • 2 units' indicative level codes increased to reflect changes to unit outcomes • units split and contents merged – see Summary of Changes (below)
ACM50219	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing	ACM5X226	Diploma of Veterinary Nursing	Not equivalent	<p>Significant change to qualification structure and focus/outcomes. Change to wording of application to reflect the changed focus of the qualification to advanced clinical veterinary nursing, rather than 'practice management'.</p> <p>Entry requirement changed from Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing to express entry requirements as competencies as required by the Training Package Organising Framework (TPOF)</p> <p>Total number of units required for the qualification reduced from 9 to 8.</p> <p>Core units changed from 6 to 2.</p> <p>ACMVET5X19 Enhance professional practice in veterinary nursing (superseding ACMVET508) retained in core</p>

					ACMVET5X20 Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology (superseding ACMVET510) added to core Change to Elective groups/specialisations and units.
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Summary of proposed changes to draft Skill Set

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Not applicable	Not applicable	ACMSSXXX01	Foundational Skills for Veterinary Nursing Skill Set	Newly created	Entry requirements in the 2018/2019 training products require completion of a range of vocational certificates. The Training Package Organising Framework (TPOF) specifies that where required, entry requirements must be expressed as ‘competencies’ and barriers to entry must be minimised. Having identified the necessary ‘competencies’ required to undertake the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, which may be attained in a number of ways, this skill set is designed to provide individuals with the foundational skills in animal care and handling to meet the entry requirements for the Certificate IV, as well as encourage training organisations to contextualise general animal care and handling units to the specific needs of the veterinary context.
Not applicable	Not applicable	ACMSSXXX02	Provide Health and Wellbeing Care for Equines Skill Set	Newly created	Following industry and RTO feedback from the Skills Review and stakeholder engagement, demand for specific competencies in equine health and care, particularly mare and foal care, was identified for individuals who may work specifically with equines. A Skill Set in equine health and care has been developed for consultation. To inform the design of the Skill Set, information from the Skills Review and site visits, analysis of an obsolete accredited course and review of existing units of competency have been considered. The proposed Skill Set may enable a pathway into a

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					veterinary nursing qualification and working with a broader range of species or be an equine specific extension of skills and knowledge for veterinary nurses looking to specialise in equine health and care.

Summary of proposed changes to draft Unit of competency

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ACMGEN314	Identify animal anatomy and physiology for animal care work	ACMGEN4X01	Develop knowledge of animal anatomy and physiology for animal care work	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	Code change to reflect reassessment of indicative level of depth of knowledge. Title change and change to Application wording. PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template. Knowledge of common causes of diseases or dysfunction and how they disrupt anatomy or physiology added. Corresponding application of knowledge added to PE. PE change from simply 'identifying' or classifying animals to 'demonstrating knowledge' of and comparing anatomy and physiologies of different species (without specifying how the knowledge is required to be demonstrated – through explanation, description etc).

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ACMGEN315	Communicate effectively with clients and team members	ACMGEN3X02	Communicate effectively in animal-related workplaces	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	Title: Title change to indicate broader application beyond 'clients and team members' – as per the unit's intent and broad use in animal care contexts. Specifically added communication with internal (team members, supervisors etc) and external stakeholders (clients, industry personnel such as suppliers, veterinarians, regulators etc). Application: Wording change to include summary of unit content.
ACMINF301	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work	ACMINF3X04	Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures in animal care work	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	Title changed from 'infection control' to include 'infection prevention and control' per industry standard terminology. Reworded PC1.1 to use standard industry terminology of 'standard precautions' Remove PC4.3 as it duplicates 4.2 Reword 'infection control' throughout unit to 'infection prevention and control (IPC)' Knowledge Evidence: Add 'cleaning product labels and safety data sheets (SDS)' - previously in foundation skills. Minor word change from 'standard precautions for the care and treatment of all animals, regardless of their perceived or confirmed infectious status for animal care' to 'standard precautions for all animal care and treatment, regardless of an animal's perceived or confirmed infectious status'
ACMMIC401	Implant microchip in cats and dogs	ACMMIC4X05	Implant microchip in animals	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria	Title and wording of Application changed to enable the application of unit K & S to microchipping broader range of animals.

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					(EPC)	<p>Licensing statement changed from 'Regulatory requirements apply to this unit' to 'Legislative, regulatory and licensing requirements all apply to this unit' as some states/territories require premises/individuals to be authorised implanters or to access animal registers.</p> <p>PC1.1 removed 'cats and dogs'</p> <p>PC2.2 changed from 'Inspect and access first aid equipment for animals and humans' to 'Locate and verify readiness of first aid equipment for animal and humans'</p> <p>PC3.5 changed from 'Assess health of animal' to 'Observe animal for indicators of health and wellbeing, identify signs of ill health and ascertain from animal owner the animal's existing or previous health conditions that may be affected by microchip implantation' to remove any perception of diagnosing an animal's health, and incorporating foundation skill.</p> <p>PCs 4.5 and 4.6 changed to accommodate techniques to implant in broader range of animals where implantation may not be subcutaneous.</p> <p>Change to volume of PE</p> <p>Added to KE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> aseptic techniques implantation techniques and methods for different species <p>Reworded 'conditions that should be referred to a veterinary practitioner upon suspicion of health problems' to 'suspected health conditions that should be referred to a veterinary practitioner'</p>

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						Remove reference to specific 'version' of AS (which has been superseded) and replace with 'key requirements of current Australian Standards (AS)'. Mandatory Workplace requirements clarified.
ACMVET201	Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties	ACMVET4X16	Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients and ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice.</i></p> <p>Merged with units; ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines, ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties and ACMVET404 Perform practice office procedures.</p> <p>Element 4 Maintain practice records according to practice policies and PC 1.3 establishing client or patient records included in this unit to reduce duplication</p>
ACMVET201	Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties	ACMVET4X08	Conduct animal care discussions with clients	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients and ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice.</i></p> <p>This unit has been merged with; ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties, ACMVET406 Nurse animals, ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals, ACMVET409 Provide specific animal care advice and ACMVET508 Support veterinary practice communication and professional development.</p>

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						E1 Compile patient and client histories, PC1.4 complete patient admission and discharge documentation, PC 3.3 and 3.4 re provision of information about treatments, products and services to clients included in this uni.
ACMVET202	Carry out daily practice routines	ACMGEN3X03	Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards in animal care workplaces	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMGEN3X03 Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards in animal care workplaces, ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals and ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET203 Assist with surgery preparation</p> <p>PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template.</p> <p>Unit sector changed from Veterinary Nursing (VET) specific to General (GEN) for broader application to other animal care environments beyond veterinary practices.</p> <p>E1, PC2.2 and PE and KE associated with routine and non-routine cleaning and disinfection routines and disposal of waste included in this unit.</p> <p>Indicative AQF level of unit increased from 2 to 3 to reflect increased emphasis on application of knowledge of role of cleaning and decontamination and associated skills for infection prevention and control.</p>
ACMVET202	Carry out daily practice routines	ACMVET4X16	Undertake administration and client service	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMGEN3X03 Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards in animal care workplaces, ACMVET4X09 Nurse</i></p>

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			activities in a veterinary practice		(ASK)	<p>animals and ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice</p> <p>Merged with units; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties and ACMVET404 Perform practice office procedures.</p> <p>Element 3 Assist in stock control and practice security and associated PCs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 included in this unit.</p>
ACMVET202	Carry out daily practice routines	ACMVET4X09	Nurse animals	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMGEN3X03 Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards in animal care workplaces, ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals and ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice</p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET406 Nurse animals, ACMVET407 Carry out medical nursing routines and ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals</p> <p>Element 2 Carry out daily treatment of animals under veterinary supervision and associated PCs 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 included in this unit which requires monitoring of vital signs, and treating animals according to veterinarian instructions and nursing care plans</p>
ACMVET203	Assist with surgery preparation	ACMGEN3X03	Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge	<p>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMGEN3X03 Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards in</p>

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			in animal care workplaces		(ASK)	<p><i>animal care workplaces and ACMVET4X14 Perform surgical nursing routines</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines</p> <p>PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template. Unit sector changed from Veterinary Nursing (VET) specific to General (GEN) for broader application to other animal care environments beyond veterinary practices. PC2.1, E4 and PE and KE associated with cleaning and disinfecting operating areas and sterilising equipment and instruments included in this unit. Indicative AQF level of unit increased from 2 to 3 to reflect increased emphasis on application of knowledge of role of cleaning and decontamination and associated skills for infection prevention and control.</p>
ACMVET203	Assist with surgery preparation	ACMVET4X14	Perform surgical nursing routines	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMGEN3X03 Maintain cleaning, hygiene and sterility standards in animal care workplaces and ACMVET4X14 Perform surgical nursing routines</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET405 Coordinate and perform surgical nursing routines.</p> <p>E1, PC2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and E3 associated with preparing patient for surgical procedure and assisting with gowning, preparation of and handling of surgical packs and immediate post-operative care included in this unit.</p>

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ACMVET401	Coordinate veterinary reception duties	ACMVET4X07	Triaging and responding to animal emergencies	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice, ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients & ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to animal emergencies</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET406 Nurse animals and ACMVET510 Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology.</p> <p>Knowledge and skills specific to triage and first aid procedures included in this unit, including E4 (PC4.1-4.7).</p> <p>Requirement to demonstrate PE over a specified number of hours of mandatory work placement has been removed, enabling the unit to be assessed in 'a workplace or in an environment that accurately represents real workplace conditions'</p>
ACMVET401	Coordinate veterinary reception duties	ACMVET4X08	Conduct animal care discussions with clients	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice, ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients & ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to animal emergencies</i></p> <p>This unit has been merged with; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET406 Nurse animals, ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals, ACMVET409 Provide specific animal care advice</p>

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						<p>and ACMVET508 Support veterinary practice communication and professional development.</p> <p>PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template.</p> <p>Element 3 Undertake admission procedure, PC 6.4 re provision of post procedure/treatment home care advice to client and Element 5 Provide grief support to client included in this unit.</p> <p>Requirement to demonstrate PE in specified number of hours of mandatory work placement has been removed, noting that depending on the workplace, it may not be realistic to expect an individual to encounter all required scenarios or range or required species in the practice.</p>
ACMVET401	Coordinate veterinary reception duties	ACMVET4X16	Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET4X16 Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice, ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients & ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to animal emergencies</i></p> <p>Merged with units; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines and ACMVET404 Perform practice office procedures.</p> <p>Element 1 and PCs relating to reception included in this unit.</p> <p>Removed requirement for mandatory work placement and for performance evidence activities to be performed in a veterinary practice in a specified number of hours.</p>

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ACMVET402	Apply imaging routines	ACMVET4X13	Apply veterinary diagnostic imaging routines	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Merged with ACMVET503 Produce veterinary dental oral cavity images</p> <p>Title change.</p> <p>Apply veterinary diagnostic imaging routines is a merge of the following units ACMVET503 Produce veterinary dental oral cavity images & ACMVET402 Apply imaging routines.</p> <p>This unit has been updated throughout to reflect inclusion of dental x-ray, removal of endoscopes and greater emphasis on radiation safety.</p> <p>Legislative, licensing and regulatory language has been clarified and strengthened.</p>
ACMVET403	Perform clinical pathology procedures	ACMVET4X12	Perform clinical pathology procedures	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Minor update to Application.</p> <p>Legislative, licensing and regulatory language has been clarified.</p> <p>Elements and Performance Criteria have been re-structured throughout to match workflow.</p> <p>Restructure maintains original content.</p> <p>Skills and knowledge for post-mortem examination have been embedded in multiple Performance Criteria and included explicitly in Performance Evidence.</p> <p>Changes to PE and KE to consolidate concepts and replace commercial names with generic concepts.</p> <p>Asceptic techniques and physical and biological risks have been added to KE.</p> <p>Assessment conditions clarified and carcase/samples for post-mortem added.</p> <p>Work placement hours are removed and no Mandatory Workplace Requirements exist for this unit.</p>

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ACMVET404	Perform practice office procedures	ACMVET4X16	Undertake administration and client service activities in a veterinary practice	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p>Merged with units; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines and ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties.</p> <p>Title change and change to Application wording. Removed requirement for reception and other administrative activities to be undertaken by veterinary nurses. PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template. Removed requirement for mandatory work placement and for performance evidence activities to be performed in a veterinary practice in a specified number of hours.</p>
ACMVET405	Coordinate and perform surgical nursing routines	ACMVET4X14	Perform surgical nursing routines	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit merged with ACMVET203 Assist with surgery preparation Title change Changes to wording of Application to remove reference to monitoring patients under anaesthesia and reference to requiring prior knowledge of 'surgical procedures, typically carried out in a veterinary practice or hospital' (explicitly added to required knowledge, as this knowledge is not in other ACMVET units). Wording changes to PC1.1, 1.3 Replace PC2.3 'Perform routine surgical site preparation' with new PC2.2 Prepare patient for surgery and added 'pre-operative patient preparation' to knowledge evidence PC2.5 wording changed</p>

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						<p>Order and wording of PC3.2 and PC3.3 changed. PC3.3 expanded to allow surgical assistance, such as suturing, to be provided where legal scope of work allows. Suturing techniques added to knowledge evidence.</p> <p>PC3.4 re disposal of waste moved to 4.2 in element 'perform post-operative procedures'</p> <p>PC4.3 removed (included with provision of 'discharge' information).</p> <p>Element 5 re cleaning and sterilisation removed</p> <p>PE – reworded to remove duplication with PC and reference to performance of a specified number of hours. Unit still requires performance to be demonstrated in a veterinary practice, or environment where surgical procedures are carried out on real animals.</p> <p>Knowledge evidence associated with cleaning removed</p> <p>Suturing techniques added</p> <p>CRP techniques removed as techniques for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency FA responses included in anaesthesia and analgesics unit.</p> <p>Wound management, post-operative bandaging, splint and cast care removed</p> <p>Remove vital signs and reflexes monitored under anaesthesia as included in the anaesthesia and analgesia unit.</p>
ACMVET406	Nurse animals	ACMVET4X09	Nurse animals	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria	<i>NOTE: This unit is split into; ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals, ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to</i>

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					(EPC)	<p><i>animal emergencies and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines, ACMVET407 Carry out medical nursing routines and ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals</p> <p>Application wording changed.</p> <p>Sequence of elements changed – E2 moved to E5; E3 moved to E2 and reworded PCs. New E3 re undertaking medical procedures from ACMVET407; Merged E4 and E5. Part of E1 included in this unit.</p> <p>PC5.5 added to explicitly include preparation of and administration of prescribed medication</p> <p>PE updated to include merged information</p> <p>KE of techniques to measure blood gases removed</p> <p>Assessment conditions remove mention of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse.</p> <p>Licensing and regulatory requirements identified explicitly.</p>
ACMVET406	Nurse animals	ACMVET4X07	Triaging and responding to animal emergencies	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	NOTE: This unit is split into; ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals, ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to

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						<p><i>animal emergencies and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties and ACMVET510 Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology.</p> <p>E1.5 Apply animal first aid and PE: Provided animal first aid included in this unit.</p>
ACMVET406	Nurse animals	ACMVET4X08	Conduct animal care discussions with clients	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit is split into; ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals, ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to animal emergencies and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients</i></p> <p>This unit has been merged with; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties, ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals, ACMVET409 Provide specific animal care advice and ACMVET508 Support veterinary practice communication and professional development.</p> <p>PC1.2 and 1.3 re preliminary examination and client interview for admission of patient included in this unit</p> <p>Mandatory Workplace requirements clarified.</p>
ACMVET407	Carry out medical nursing routines	ACMVET4X09	Nurse animals	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit merged with ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines, ACMVET406 Nurse animals and ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals.</p> <p>Mandatory Workplace requirements clarified.</p>

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						Assessment conditions remove mention of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse. Licensing and regulatory requirements identified explicitly.
ACMVET408	Provide nutritional advice and support for animals	ACMVET4X09	Nurse animals	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit is split into; ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients.</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines, AMCVET406 Nurse animals and ACMVET407 Carry out medical nursing routines</p> <p>Element 3 re nutritional needs of hospitalised patients and knowledge evidence of assisted feeding methods, excluding feeding tubes, included in this unit.</p> <p>Mandatory Workplace requirements clarified. Assessment conditions remove mention of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse. Licensing and regulatory requirements identified explicitly.</p>
ACMVET408	Provide nutritional advice and support for animals	ACMVET4X08	Conduct animal care discussions with clients	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit is split into; ACMVET4X09 Nurse animals and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients.</i></p> <p>This unit has been merged with; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties, ACMVET406 Nurse animals, ACMVET409 Provide specific animal care advice and</p>

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						<p>ACMVET508 Support veterinary practice communication and professional development.</p> <p>PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template.</p> <p>Parts of E3 included in this unit.</p> <p>Requirement to demonstrate PC in specified number of hours of mandatory work placement has been removed, noting that depending on the workplace, it may not be realistic to expect an individual to encounter all required scenarios or range or required species in the practice.</p>
ACMVET409	Provide specific animal care advice	ACMVET4X08	Conduct animal care discussions with clients	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p>This unit has been merged with; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties, ACMVET406 Nurse animals, ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals and ACMVET508 Support veterinary practice communication and professional development.</p> <p>PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template.</p> <p>Requirement to demonstrate PC in specified number of hours of mandatory work placement has been removed, noting that depending on the workplace, it may not be realistic to expect an individual to encounter all required scenarios or range or required species in the practice.</p>
ACMVET410	Perform veterinary dental	ACMVET4X11	Perform veterinary dental	Equivalent	Application, Elements &	Changes to Application wording to remove reference to 'examining' the patient.

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	nursing procedures		nursing procedures		Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Minor change to wording of legislative requirements to be specific to veterinary nurses performing dental procedures rather than just applying to veterinary nurses</p> <p>E1 changed from 'perform oral examination' to 'prepare for and assist with oral health assessment'.</p> <p>PCs 1.1 – 1.5 changed to remove reference to veterinary nurse 'conducting examinations' and reporting their 'findings', rather following procedures and instructions, setting up and assisting the veterinarian to perform the oral examination and assessment.</p> <p>PC3.1 moved to 1.2. PC 3.4 and 3.6 merged to 3.4 'clean, including scaling, and polish teeth as directed by the supervising veterinarian'. Remove 'following the AAVA Dental Policy and Guidelines' included in KE as veterinarian association's guidelines.</p> <p>Changed wording of PE of PE to replace performing oral examination with assisting with an oral health examination, and remove duplication of PC</p> <p>Removed reference to specific number of hours for performing the activities in PE and replaced with 'Performance must be demonstrated in a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a veterinary practice where dental procedures are carried out on real animals'</p> <p>KE: added dental charting systems and industry conventions (numbering systems and symbols)</p> <p>Assessment conditions: wording changed.</p> <p>'interactions with a 'minimum of CIV qualified veterinary nurse' removed, as dental procedures</p>

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						can only be performed on anaesthetised patients, and only registered veterinarian can administer anaesthesia.
ACMVET411	Prepare, deliver and review animal care education programs	Not applicable	Not applicable	Deletion	Not applicable	Proposed for deletion due to low industry value. Note: Support for deletion or retention of this unit can be provided by completing the survey available on the project webpage.
ACMVET412	Coordinate practice promotional activities	Not applicable	Not applicable	Deletion	Not applicable	Proposed for deletion due to low industry value. Possibility to use instead: <i>SITXMPRO12 Coordinate marketing activities</i> . Note: Support for deletion or retention of this unit can be provided by completing the survey available on the project webpage.
ACMVET413	Prepare for anaesthesia and monitor animal anaesthesia and analgesia	ACMVET4X10	Prepare for and monitor anaesthesia and analgesia in animals	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	Minor title change. Wording of Application changed. Change references from 'animals' to 'patients' throughout for consistency. PC1.1 broaden 'surgery' to 'treatment area' PC2.2 Remove reference to 'assessing' animal health status, change to 'assisting veterinarian' to do so. PC2.3 add access to 'test results' recorded and available. PC2.5 Change 'Calculate and prepare anaesthetic and analgesic drugs specific for the animal under the guidance of the veterinarian' to 'Prepare anaesthetic and analgesic drugs as instructed by the veterinarian' to ensure within legislative requirement for veterinarian only to 'prescribe' including dose. Remove PC2.7, as is included in KE Reposition PC2.8 to PC1.5

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						<p>PC4.4 moved to PC4.1 with minor wording change. PC4.1 'Identify, monitor and assess analgesic requirements in animals and 4.2 Provide analgesia to manage pain in animals under veterinary guidance changed to: 4.2 Communicate observations to the veterinarian to assist assessment of analgesic or supportive therapy requirements 4.3 Administer veterinarian prescribed analgesic to manage patient pain, within legal scope of practice</p> <p>Wording changes to PE including to remove repetition of PC. Remove 'calculation of dosages' and 'assessing' animal's analgesic requirements.</p> <p>Reference to specific number of hours associated with performance evidence has been removed, however evidence of performance is still required to be demonstrated in a workplace with real animals, and under veterinary supervision. Minor changes to wording and sequencing of KE for clarity and flow. Change to Assessment Conditions – remove reference to 'interactions with [] or minimum of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse' as CIV VN cannot themselves induce anaesthesia or analgesia without veterinarian supervision.</p>
ACMVET414	Nurse foals	ACMVET4X17	Nurse foals	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria	Changes to Application wording. Removed 'in a veterinary practice' as caring for foals may take in a variety of contexts still under the supervision of a veterinarian.

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					(EPC)	<p>Legislative, licensing and regulatory language has been clarified – legislation does not specifically apply to veterinary nurses, it applies to veterinarians and in turn to the scope of work that is permitted to be undertaken by a veterinary nurse and the level of supervision.</p> <p>Element 2 re-sequenced to element 6 as is post the neo-natal period of foal care, impacting all other elements.</p> <p>PC3.1 (previously 4.1 and 4.2) combined and reworded for clarity (ie. not carrying out foal procedures according to WHS procedures, rather following WHS procedures when carrying out foal care)</p> <p>PC5.1 change ‘symptoms’ to ‘signs’</p> <p>KE reordered to streamline with E/PC and remove duplication (types of assistance including respiratory and nutritional support; nursing techniques for respiratory support and feeding – combined to ‘assistance and techniques’</p>
ACMVET415	Provide intensive foal care and nursing	ACMVET4X18	Provide intensive foal care and nursing	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit re-templated to 2025 template</p> <p>Changes to wording of Application</p> <p>Legislative and regulatory statement revised to more accurately reflect requirements.</p> <p>Remove Nurse foals (and subsequent pre-requisite chain) from pre-requisite requirements. Include ACMQUE212 Handle horses safely as pre-requisite to ensure safety working in an equine environment (esp mares).</p> <p>E1: change from ‘ Admit new arrivals to a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)’ to ‘ Admit foals to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)’</p>

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						<p>PC1.1 minor change 'Prepare the NICU and admit foals'</p> <p>PC1.2 reword from 'Place foals correctly' to 'Place foals for required care using correct handling and moving techniques' to reflect correct positioning (for the required care) and correct handling to place the foal.</p> <p>Delete PC2.2 as 'apply aseptic techniques' in PC7.1 for whole unit generally</p> <p>(new) PC2.2 reworded from 'carry out regular monitoring' to 'perform regular monitoring of patient's health parameters'</p> <p>PC3.4 'Assist with initial resuscitation according to industry practice' reworded to 'Assist with emergency resuscitation'</p> <p>Minor change E4 from 'Assemble crash kit items' to 'Assemble crash kit equipment and materials'</p> <p>E6 add 'and administer'</p> <p>PC6.2 add 'according to veterinarian instructions and within scope of practice'</p> <p>PC7.1 change 'Maintain aseptic techniques and strict hygiene protocol' to 'Apply aseptic techniques and maintain strict hygiene protocols'</p> <p>Wording of PE changed to simply and remove duplication and repetition of PC</p> <p>KE: minor movements and rewording for clarity</p> <p>Added 'resuscitation techniques and equipment'</p> <p>Added 'aseptic techniques'</p> <p>Added 'isolation of critically ill or infected animals' in knowledge of biosecurity procedures</p> <p>Mandatory workplace requirements noted as applicable to this unit due to skills needing to be demonstrated in a NICU (or an environment that</p>

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						accurately reflects an equine veterinary practice (NICU) with real animals and all necessary equipment.
ACMVET416	Assist with the preparation of veterinary drugs and poisons	ACMVET4X15	Prepare, handle and administer veterinary medicines and restricted substances	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Title changed from 'Assist with' to 'Prepare'</p> <p>Wording of Application changed for better reflection of the unit and its application.</p> <p>E1 and PCs 1.1 – 1.4 re-worded for clarification.</p> <p>PCs 2.1 – 2.3 moved to E1.</p> <p>E2 and PCs 2.4 – 2.8 re-worded.</p> <p>Additional E3 added – re 'administration' of medication.</p> <p>E4 (previously E3) re-worded from 'support veterinary drugs and poisons' to 'provide information to clients or animal carers about veterinary drugs and poisons'.</p> <p>PC3.1 deleted</p> <p>Now PC4.1 – 4.4 wording changes to provide more information than just 'explain' as legislation requires provision of written information.</p> <p>PE reworded for clarity and reduction of duplication of PC, and inclusion of 'administration' as well as preparation.</p> <p>Removal of requirement for mandatory workplace demonstration of skills within nominated hours.</p> <p>Knowledge evidence streamlined to remove reference to specific legislation which is, and will, become outdated.</p>
ACMVET501	Manage nursing requirements for specialised surgical procedures	ACMVET5X21	Manage nursing requirements for specialised surgical procedures	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit re-templated to 2025 template</p> <p>Changes to wording of Application to provide more definition regarding specialised surgical procedures and remove requirement for supervision by MANZCVS.</p>

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						<p>E1: Change wording from ‘Conduct admission processes for specialised surgical procedures under supervision of a veterinary surgeon’ to ‘Conduct admission processes’.</p> <p>PC1.2 minor grammatical change from ‘patient histories’ plural to ‘patient history’ (singular) to align with rest of unit</p> <p>PC1.3 add ‘and process’ re samples</p> <p>PC2.1 wording change from ‘Coordinate theatre preparation to achieve aseptic conditions before and during surgery’ to ‘Coordinate theatre preparation to ensure aseptic conditions are achieved before, and maintained during surgery’</p> <p>PC2.4 Reworded from ‘Supervise gloving and gowning of others’ to ‘2.4 Supervise and assist with scrubbing, gowning, gloving and masking of others’ (incorporate 5.1 ‘surgeon’s personal preparations’).</p> <p>Added PC 2.5 relating to ensuring WHS and infection control procedures followed (PC2.2 ‘prepare and check [] equipment and materials ready for surgery’ <i>according to WHS and practice policies and procedures</i> incorrect)</p> <p>Remove PC 3.1 as is knowledge evidence</p> <p>3.1 (new) add ‘record’</p> <p>Element 4 Monitor anaesthesia under the direction and supervision of the surgeon deleted, and PC 4.1 added - ‘Monitor anaesthesia and adjust, apply ventilation support or administer intra-operative medications as directed by the surgeon’ (to reduce duplication with other anaesthesia units, and little to no knowledge of monitoring anaesthesia in this unit)</p> <p>E5 (previously element 6) changed from ‘Provide post-operative support to patient under supervision</p>

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						<p>of veterinary surgeon' to 'Provide post-operative support to patient'</p> <p>PC6.1 minor change to wording from 'Monitor and support anaesthetic recovery of patients' to 'Monitor and support patient recovery from anaesthesia'</p> <p>E6 change from 'Manage equipment cleaning and maintenance' to 'Manage theatre cleanup'</p> <p>PC 6.1 added 'disinfecting and sterilisation' not just cleaning and maintenance</p> <p>Additional PC added re disposal of waste and materials</p> <p>Wording PC 6.3 changed from 'Coordinate the packing and storage of instruments and surgical equipment' to 'Coordinate the packing and storage of drapery, instruments and surgical equipment according to infection control procedures'</p> <p>PE: Re-worded for clarity and to reduce duplicating E and PC.</p> <p>Remove requirement for specified number of mandatory work hours, whilst retaining requirement to demonstrate performance in a workplace with real animals/procedures.</p> <p>KE: changes to wording of some knowledge requirements – added knowledge of aseptic techniques (as critical to surgical work),</p>
ACMVET502	Carry out post-operative nursing routines	ACMVET5X22	Carry out post-operative nursing routines	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit re-templated to 2025 template</p> <p>Changes to wording of Application to provide more definition regarding specialised surgical procedures and remove requirement for supervision by MANZCVS.</p>

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						<p>E1 delete 'under supervision of veterinary surgeon' (same re E4) as unit application clearly specifies work is under veterinary supervision. Delete PC1.2 – knowledge evidence Grammatical change to (new) PC1.2 Split PC1.4 to (new) PCs1.1 and 1.3 Wording of (new) PC1.6 changed to broaden 'cleaning' to include disinfecting, sterilising and disposing of nursing materials PE: minor wording changes Increase maintaining and monitoring fluid therapy plan and IV catheter site from one to at least two patients Remove specified number of workplace hours, whilst retaining requirement for performance to be demonstrated in a workplace. KE: minor wording changes and resequencing of required knowledge Change 'calculation of energy requirements using the correct formula' to 'formulas for calculation of energy requirements and conversion into volume of food product' as no single 'correct formula' 'workplace hygiene standards, disinfectants and sterilisation, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials related to post-operative routines' reworded to 'workplace hygiene standards, cleaning, disinfecting and sterilising agents, safe and hygienic cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials'</p>

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ACMVET503	Produce veterinary dental oral cavity images	ACMVET4X13	Apply veterinary diagnostic imaging routines	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Merged with ACMVET402 Apply imaging routines</p> <p>Title change.</p> <p>This unit has been updated throughout to reflect inclusion of dental x-ray, removal of endoscopes and greater emphasis on radiation safety. Legislative, licensing and regulatory language has been clarified and strengthened</p>
ACMVET504	Provide veterinary dental nursing support for advanced veterinary dental surgery	ACMVET5X23	Provide nursing support for advanced veterinary dental surgery	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Minor change to title</p> <p>Wording of Application changed to remove reference to supervision by MANZCVS as dental surgeries beyond simple tooth extraction is being undertaken by registered veterinarians. Legislative, licensing and regulatory language updated to specify dental practices.</p> <p>Minor changes to Elements and Performance Criteria, including: Element 1 changed from 'Carry out admission procedures' to 'Admit patient' PC1.2 added 'if required' as not all veterinary dental surgery may be referred to specialist surgeons Delete PC3.1, as is knowledge evidence Minor rewording of PC3.2 (now PC3.1) from 'Comply with WHS, infection control and animal welfare requirements related to dental health procedures' to 'Comply with work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare requirements and infection control policies and procedures related to dental procedures'</p>

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						<p>PC3.4 added 'administration of'</p> <p>PC4.3 added 'using aseptic techniques'</p> <p>PC4.5 reworded from 'Take and maintain record of procedure' to 'Record details of procedure, medications administered and other information required by organisational policies and procedures in patient file'</p> <p>PC4.6 moved to Element 5</p> <p>Element 5 reworded from 'Clean, store and maintain dental instruments and equipment' to 'Undertake post-operative theatre procedures'</p> <p>PC5.1 (previously 4.6 Dispose of clinical and other hazardous waste appropriately) reworded to 'Dispose of non-reuseable instruments and equipment, clinical and other hazardous waste according to organisational policies and procedures'</p> <p>Element 6 added 'as instructed by veterinarian'</p> <p>Performance Evidence – remove bullet points following actual required performance as duplication of performance criteria</p> <p>Removed specific number of hours of performance required, whilst maintaining requirement for performance to be demonstrated in a workplace.</p> <p>Minor changes to knowledge evidence</p> <p>Added electric dental handpieces, saline irrigation systems, rotary endodontic systems, oral retractors and electrical/pneumatic surgical drills to dental instruments and equipment</p> <p>Removed amalgamator saws and sonic dental scalers from dental instruments and equipment</p>

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						Added aseptic techniques and organisational policies and procedures relating to patient record keeping, waste disposal and WHS.
ACMVET505	Prepare for veterinary emergency response	ACMVET5X26	Coordinate veterinary practice emergency preparedness	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit re-templated to 2025 template</p> <p>Changes to wording of Application</p> <p>Remove legislative and regulatory statement – focus of unit is on coordinating equipment and resources for emergencies, not actually performing nursing activities or using equipment or resources.</p> <p>E1 change wording from ‘Prepare for emergency response’ to ‘Prepare for and maintain practice readiness to respond to a veterinary emergency’</p> <p>PC re-ordered</p> <p>PC1.1 split to (new) PC1.4 re ‘testing equipment viability and personnel performance’ in the context of a practice drill</p> <p>1.2 add ‘and procedures’</p> <p>(new) 1.4 changed from ‘provide’ to ‘coordinate’</p> <p>Deleted PC1.5</p> <p>PC2.1 merged with PC2.3</p> <p>(new) PC2.1 reworded to align with element and unit outcome</p> <p>New PC2.2 including rewording of ‘record a performance appraisal’ split from 2.1</p> <p>PE: change PE to ‘developed, or reviewed and improved, at least one [] procedure’ from ‘developed one [] protocol’</p> <p>Removed requirement for performance to be demonstrated in a veterinary practice in a specified number of hours, to enable unit to be demonstrated through simulation.</p> <p>Minor wording changes to KE for clarification</p>

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						Added KE of basic training methods as PC require training personnel in processes.
ACMVET506	Perform emergency procedures to sustain life	ACMVET5X27	Perform emergency procedures to sustain life	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit re-templated to 2025 template</p> <p>Changes to wording of Application</p> <p>Legislative and regulatory statement revised to more accurately reflect requirements.</p> <p>E1 and E2 merged to (new) E1 'Assess need for emergency response'</p> <p>PCs 1.1- 1.3 merged to (new) PC1.1</p> <p>PCs 2.1 and 2.2 merged to (new) PC1.2</p> <p>Wording of PC4.4 changed in (now) PC3.4 from 'Provide specific emergency and critical care nursing assistance ensuring hygiene and infection control protocols are followed' to 'Provide specific emergency and critical care nursing assistance as directed by veterinarian, ensuring hygiene and infection control procedures are followed'</p> <p>PE: wording changed from 'handled a minimum of five' to 'managed, within legal scope of practice and with veterinary supervision, a minimum of five'</p> <p>PE sub-bullet point 1 streamlined</p> <p>Sub-bullet point 3 change from 'worked as a member of a team' to 'worked with at least one other person'</p> <p>Bullet point 'intubated a minimum of one patient' changed to 'intubated a minimum of two real or model animals'</p> <p>Removed reference to specified number of hours of work, whilst retaining requirement for performance, unless specified to be demonstrated in the workplace on real animals.</p>

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						KE: re-sequenced 'safety risks' reworded to 'safety hazards associated with emergency procedures, including on sick, injured, anxious and frightened animals' and list of mix of hazards and risks removed. Remove duplicated KE such as CPR, fluid therapy.
ACMVET507	Provide nursing support for critical care surgery	ACMVET5X28	Provide nursing support for critical care surgery	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	Unit re-templated to 2025 template Changes to wording of Application Legislative and regulatory statement revised to more accurately reflect requirements. PC1.1 reworded to add 'following animal welfare and work health and safety practices including low stress handling protocols' (from PC2.1) PCs in Element 2 re-sequenced to flow from 'surgical' to recovery procedures PC2.2 reworded from 'Prepare surgical and monitoring equipment' to 'Prepare theatre with required surgical equipment, instruments, and supplies, and monitoring equipment for specific procedure' PC2.1 reworded from 'Provide assistance to the veterinarian for induction and apply safe work practices and animal welfare protocols' to 'Assist the veterinarian in the induction of anaesthesia' PC2.3 and PC2.4 merged PC2.5 reworded from 'Administer analgesia and monitor response under veterinary supervision' to '2.5 Administer analgesia as directed by veterinarian and monitor patient response' PC3.1 split into PC3.1 and 3.2 and reworded PC3.3 wording changed from 'Prepare and administer blood and blood products under the

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						<p>supervision of a veterinarian’ to ‘Prepare and administer blood and blood products following veterinarian instructions and established transfusion and aseptic procedures’</p> <p>PC3.4 reworded from ‘Recognise and treat adverse reactions to transfusions under the supervision and direction of a veterinarian’ to ‘Monitor the patient for indicators of adverse transfusion reaction and, under veterinary direction, implement appropriate responses to manage adverse events’</p> <p>PE: change to wording of performance evidence for clarity.</p> <p>Requirement for all activities to be performed in specified number of mandatory work place hours removed, whilst still requiring performance of some activities in a/the veterinary practice and allowing other activities which may not consistently or routinely present in practice to be demonstrated in clinical simulation using animal models.</p> <p>KE: Bullet point re ‘blood’ reformatted and wording changed for clarification (blood typing and cross-matching added</p> <p>Bullet point re ‘anaesthetics, [] including [analgesics]’ reworded as analgesics are not anaesthetic agents to ‘pre, intra and post-operative analgesics administered by the veterinarian or under veterinary supervision, including:’</p> <p>‘patient nursing care plan requirements’ moved to ‘critical care and intensive nursing routines’ and listed items removed.</p>

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						'other emergency procedures' reworded to 'emergency procedures' and 'response to anaesthesia complications during surgery response to anaesthesia complications during surgery' added
ACMVET508	Support veterinary practice communication and professional development	ACMVET5X19	Enhance professional practice in veterinary nursing	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET5X19 Enhance professional practice in veterinary nursing and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients</i></p> <p>PCs and elements replaced by knowledge, skills and application as per ASK template.</p> <p>Title change from 'communication and professional development' to 'enhance professional practice' to reflect broader professional practice focus with less administrative and more clinical orientation.</p> <p>Application wording changed to reflect the actual application of the unit from 'managing practice communication and staff development' to using communication for more advanced clinical interaction.</p> <p>Content has been reframed from supporting communication and professional development in general practice to enhancing professional practice in veterinary nursing across a broad range of clinical contexts,</p> <p>Remove admission and discharge in E1 and 3 as covered in ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients.</p>

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						Licensing, legislative and regulatory requirement statement removed, as unit is not specific to undertaking actual nursing work. Skills and knowledge strengthened to align with advanced clinical nursing, rather than administrative processes. Removed mandatory work placement requirement and specified number of hours.
ACMVET508	Support veterinary practice communication and professional development	ACMVET4X08	Conduct animal care discussions with clients	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into: ACMVET5X19 Enhance professional practice in veterinary nursing and ACMVET4X08 Conduct animal care discussions with clients</i></p> <p>This unit has been merged with; ACMVET201 Assist with veterinary nursing reception duties, ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties, ACMVET406 Nurse animals, ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals and ACMVET409 Provide specific animal care advice. Element 1 Facilitate admission and discharge [sic] referral patients and E3 communicate with clients about veterinary procedures included in this unit</p>
ACMVET509	Manage veterinary nursing procedures	ACMVET5X24	Manage veterinary nursing procedures	Not equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	Unit re-templated to 2025 template Changes to wording of Application Legislative and regulatory statement revised to more accurately reflect requirements. E1: wording change from 'Supervise' to 'Co-ordinate'

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						<p>PCs re-sequenced, split and merged. PC1.4 removed as is a single, specific procedure which would be covered in PC1.2 and 1.4.</p> <p>PC2.1: minor wording change 'other health care professional and service regarding reason' to 'other health care provider of reason for referral'</p> <p>PC2.2: from 'transfer of copies of client records and referral information while maintaining client confidentiality' to 'transfer of copies of client and patient records and referral information while maintaining confidentiality of client personal information'</p> <p>PC2.5 reworded from 'Document referral veterinarian patient case report outcomes and required after care in case notes using industry standard terminology' to 'Record referral outcomes and after-care requirements in patient case notes'</p> <p>PC3.2 split to 3.2 and 3.3</p> <p>PC3.3 removed</p> <p>PC3.5 added (moved from element 4)</p> <p>Element 4 redesigned from 'monitor maintenance of accurate records) to 'Review nursing policies and procedures to improve patient outcomes or client services' (re PC4.1 and PC3.3 about 'developing and implementing' policies and procedures.</p> <p>New PCs 4.1 – 4.5 aligned to E4</p> <p>PE: format and wording of PE changed</p> <p>Added 'managed referral of at least three patients' and 'reviewed at least two nursing policies and procedures' per the unit requirements (replaced 'developed and implemented a minimum of one infection control procedure' to enable</p>

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						flexibility where practices already have IC procedures) Remove reference to specific number of hours for demonstration of performance, whilst retaining requirement for performance to be in a workplace. KE: minor change to sequence, format and clarity of wording
ACMVET510	Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology	ACMVET5X20	Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMVET5X20 Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology & ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to animal emergencies.</i></p> <p>Unit redesigned from an Elements & Performance Criteria structure to an Application of Knowledge & Skills (ASK) format, to enable greater theoretical depth and clearer articulation of knowledge standards rather than procedural tasks.</p> <p>Greater emphasis on theory of pathophysiology, including mechanisms of disease, disease progression and system-level effects not explicitly detailed in the original unit. Diagnostic testing content updated and broadened, with explicit inclusion of ultrasound-guided cystocentesis as a required practical skill.</p> <p>Performance Evidence revised for increased focus on integration of clinical reasoning, recognition of</p>

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						<p>abnormal body function and consistent application of volume and frequency of performance.</p> <p>Knowledge Evidence expanded to include pathophysiological mechanisms, species-relevant disease signs, diagnostic purposes and procedures, and disease management.</p> <p>Specified number of mandatory work placement hours for assessment removed, although requirement for performance to be demonstrated in an appropriate veterinary practice or work environment remains.</p>
ACMVET510	Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology	ACMVET4X07	Triaging and responding to animal emergencies	Not equivalent	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	<p><i>NOTE: This unit has been split into; ACMVET5X20 Apply veterinary nursing pathophysiology & ACMVET4X07 Triaging and responding to animal emergencies.</i></p> <p>Unit merged with ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties and ACMVET406 Nurse animals. PC1.4 re assisting in triage, PE of 'conducting effective triage of patients' at least once and KE of principles of triage is now included in this unit.</p>
ACMVET511	Apply principles of animal behaviour	ACMVET5X25	Apply principles of animal behaviour	Equivalent	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	<p>Unit re-templated to 2025 template Changes to wording of Application Legislative and regulatory statement revised to more accurately reflect requirements.</p> <p>Wording changes to Elements and Performance Criteria throughout the unit, but with little material change.</p>

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						Remove reference to specific number of hours for demonstration of performance, whilst retaining requirement for performance to be in a workplace with real animals and real clients.
ACMVET512	Develop and implement specific practice policies	Not applicable	Not applicable	Deletion	Not applicable	Proposed for deletion due to low industry value. Possibility to use instead: <i>BSBSTR503 Develop organisational policy</i> or <i>BSBSTR402 Implement continuous improvement</i> . Note: Support for deletion or retention of this unit can be provided by completing the survey available on the project webpage.
Not applicable	Not applicable	ACMVET4X06	Develop and apply knowledge of the veterinary industry and apply to veterinary nursing practice	Newly created	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	The Skills Review of veterinary nursing identified a gap in the training product, cited as potentially contributing to non-completion of the qualification, specifically in relation to knowledge and awareness of the veterinary industry as a whole, career pathways, and roles/responsibilities and requirements of veterinary nursing (compared to general animal care)
Not applicable	Not applicable	ACMVET5X29	Apply advanced knowledge of anaesthesia in veterinary nursing practice	Newly created	Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	Industry and training provider stakeholders have identified a need for veterinary nurses to acquire a deeper level of knowledge and more advanced skills in anaesthesia to support contemporary veterinary practice. Recent legislative changes in one jurisdiction have expanded the permissible scope of practice for veterinary nurses to include the administration of general and local anaesthetic agents and peripheral nerve blocks. This expanded scope requires training to ensure veterinary nurses are appropriately equipped with the specialised

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						knowledge, technical skills and clinical judgement necessary to undertake these responsibilities safely and competently.
Not applicable	Not applicable	ACMVET5X30	Perform medical and minor surgical veterinary procedures		Application, Elements & Performance Criteria (EPC)	Industry and training provider stakeholders have identified a need for veterinary nurses to acquire a deeper level of knowledge and more advanced skills in medical procedures and performing minor surgical procedures to support contemporary veterinary practice. Recent legislative changes in one jurisdiction have expanded the scope of practice for veterinary nurses to include the performance of more advanced medical and surgical procedures, under veterinary supervision. This expanded scope requires training to ensure veterinary nurses are appropriately equipped with the specialised knowledge, technical skills and clinical judgement necessary to undertake these responsibilities safely and competently.
Not applicable	Not applicable	ACMVET5X31	Conduct veterinary nurse clinics	Newly created	Application of Skills and Knowledge (ASK)	The veterinary nursing industry identifies that the veterinary shortage has significantly increased the demand for veterinary nurses to perform more advanced skills and operate with greater autonomy in the provision of services to both animals and clients, requiring enhanced knowledge to conduct nursing clinics with clients about a broad and complex range of animal health and behaviour issues