

# Ivybridge Community College

## Career of the Week



### Autumn Term 4

**Job Title: Veterinary Nurse**

**Salary: £18,000 – £26,000 (experienced)**

**Working Hours: 35-40 hours per week, possible evenings/weekends**  
**- volunteering/work experience is very important!**

### How Can I Get There?/Routes of Entry:

- University (Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Accredited)
- College
- Apprenticeship

### Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- Duchy College
- South Devon College

### Skills Required:

- Customer service skills
- Knowledge of animal health
- The ability to work well with others
- Knowledge of biology
- The ability to work well with your hands
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

### Employers in the South West:

- South Moor Vets
- Filham Park Vets
- Vets4Pets
- Woodlands Veterinary Group

### Progression:

You could progress to practice management and supervision of staff, or move into sales of veterinary supplies. You could choose to specialize in a particular area, e.g. zoological nursing, working for a charity, or pharmaceuticals. If you wanted to study more you could become a lecturer or researcher in this field.