Getting Started writing a personal statement for **Veterinary Nursing**

Think about what skills might a Veterinary Nurse need?

How can you demonstrate that you have these skills?

Think about - your college course including commercial experience, any work experience you have done and any paid employment you have had

**Skill Why Important Demonstrate?**

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| Empathy | Client care |  |
| Accuracy | Measuring medicines, taking temperature, monitoring patients etc |  |
| Animal Handling/Restraint | Animal welfare, minimise stress and H&S of vet nurse  Taking x-rays  Preparing animals for surgery  Perform minor surgical procedures |  |
| Ability to work under pressure | Vet practices can be very busy, might have emergency cases |  |
| Communication | Might need to convey technical information to a client - education about responsible pet ownership  Might run a clinic such as diet, worming, grooing |  |
| Teamwork | Everyone works together in the practice |  |

Interest in areas of specialism in the future

Head Vet Nurse/Practice Manager

Sales Rep for vet suppliers

Train to be veterinary physiotherapist/hydrotherapist

Academic research

Teaching vet nursing students

Vet nurse in the army

Specialist areas - dentistry, feline, anaesthesia