

## OSCE Code LD06

**NVQ Level 3 National Occupational Standard Ref: VetN 6.1, 7.2**

**Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Ref: VN 10.2, VN 5.5**

This OSCE will be used to assess the awards indicated

Award	Award Reference	Pathway	
NVQ Level 3	100/6216/6	Small Animal	✓
NVQ Level 3	100/6216/6	Equine	x
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Small Animal	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Equine	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Small Animal (Transitional)	✓
Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing	500/9872/X	Equine (Transitional)	x

The veterinary surgeon has requested that you obtain a blood sample via the jugular vein for routine haematology from a feline patient.

- a. Demonstrate hand hygiene using the World Health Organisation (WHO) 6 step method and the alcohol gel provided
- b. Select and prepare the equipment required for obtaining the blood sample

Place the equipment in the tray, as indicated by the examiner

Methodology: you will be expected to:	
1.	Remove all hand and wrist jewellery, roll sleeves up (candidates without jewellery or long sleeves awarded this step).
2.	Nails well manicured, clean and unvarnished. False nails are not permitted.
3.	Apply 3-5 mls alcohol rub to palms (usually 1 pump)
4.	Rub hands palm to palm (minimum 3 strokes)
5.	Rub right palm over the back of the left hand with interlaced fingers (minimum 3 strokes)
6.	Rub left palm over the back of right hand with interlaced fingers (minimum 3 strokes)
7.	Palm to palm with Interlaced fingers (minimum 3 strokes)
8.	Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked (minimum 3 strokes)
9.	Rotationally rub the left thumb clasped in the right palm (minimum 3 strokes)
10.	Rotationally rub the right thumb clasped in the left palm (minimum 3 strokes)
11.	Rotationally rub clasped fingers of right hand in left palm (minimum 3 strokes)
12.	Rotationally rub clasped fingers of left hand in right palm (minimum 3 strokes)
13.	Air dry hands or ensure hands are dry before selecting equipment
14.	Effective hand hygiene technique used (WHO Method)
15.	Select a pair of gloves
16.	Select clippers
17.	Select clipper blades
18.	Apply clipper blades correctly
19.	Check clippers are functioning
20.	Select appropriate antiseptic skin preparation solution and swab
21.	Select swab for post venepuncture pressure
22.	Select appropriate needle
23.	Select appropriate syringe
24.	Assemble syringe and needle
25.	Correct syringe and needle assembled aseptically, without risk of needle stick injury
26.	Pre loosen plunger of syringe

27.	Select appropriate blood sample tube
28.	Label sample tube appropriately (patient name and date)