

OSCE Code NC13

NVQ Level 3 National Occupational Standard Ref: VetN7.2

Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing Ref: VN 7.5, EQVN 23.2

This OSCE will be used to assess the awards indicated

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

This patient has a small abrasion on the dorsal aspect of the left carpus (as indicated by the simulated wound on the model).

The veterinary surgeon has requested that you dress the wound to protect it for three days.

Note: The patient has been sedated appropriately for the examination and dressing application and is restrained

Methodology: you will be expected to:	
1.	Select wound dressing
2.	Select padding
3.	Select conforming bandage
4.	Select protective layer
5.	Select surgical blade
6.	Select scissors
7.	Select and prepare (unwrap) materials and equipment prior to starting the bandage
8.	Wear gloves
9.	Apply wound dressing with correct side facing wound
10.	Dressing is applied in a aseptic manner – i.e. dressing touched only at edges
11.	Apply a minimum of two layers of synthetic padding or one layer of cotton wool over the carpus
12.	Padding applied to include the distal radius and ulna
13.	Padding applied to include the proximal metacarpus
14.	Apply conforming bandage
15.	Apply outer protective layer
16.	Protective layer not extended beyond the proximal and distal edge of the underlying padding
17.	Bandage material applied in correct order ensuring each rotation covers ½ - ¾ of previous rotation
18.	Check bandage is neat
19.	Check suitable tension of bandage (i.e. not too loose or too tight)
20.	The completed bandage is suitable for its purpose (i.e. not too small or too large)
21.	Bandage applied to correct limb (left carpus)
22.	Finished bandage correct tension (examiner check)
23.	Pressure relieved over accessory carpal bone (i.e. either small area left unbandaged or pressure released using scalpel blade)