AIM

- To support the veterinarian to provide quality patient care in a variety of veterinary practices
- To endeavour to nurse our patients with skill and compassion and promote their ongoing health and well-being;
CURRICULUM – FIRST YEAR

- Anatomy
- Pharmacology
- Physiology
- Ethology
- Laboratory Technique
- Microbiology
- General Nursing
- Parasitology
- Medical Nursing 120
- Theatre Practice 120
- Reproductive Nursing 120
CURRICULUM SECOND YEAR

• Medical Nursing 200
• Surgical Nursing 200
• Theatre Practice 200
• Anaesthesiology 200
• Radiography 200
• Reproductive Nursing 200
PRACTICAL TRAINING

• Academic Hospital
• 23 weeks full time
• 16 weeks in the Academic Hospital
• 4 weeks in private practice / elective clinics
• 3 weeks holiday / private practice

• Every skill taught is has a solid theoretical foundation
SCOPE OF PRACTICE

• Species: companion animals & production animals, some exotics
• Basic Animal Management (daily care; nutrition; hygiene; grooming; dental scaling & polishing)
• Laboratory technique (haematology; blood chemistry; urine & faecal examinations; skin)
• Administration of medicines (topical; eye & ear; oral; s/c; i/m; i/v; fluid & blood administration)
• Premedication; induction and maintenance of anaesthesia; pre- and post-operative care of patients
SCOPE OF PRACTICE (2)

• Taking of radiographs & assisting with other diagnostic imaging modalities
• Supervision of animals giving birth and caring for the new-born
• General procedures incl. enemas; stomach tubes; enteral feeding; wound management; bandaging, including modified Robert-Jones
• Theatre Practice
• Handling of medicines
• Physical Rehabilitation
• Client liaison
VETERINARY NURSES IN ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS

• Go between veterinarian and animal welfare assistant

• Assist with training; overseeing of hygiene; management of equipment; record keeping etc.

• Induction of anaesthesia

• Intravenous fluid therapy

• Care of hospitalised animals

• Care of isolation wards

• Cheaper to employ than veterinarians
THANK YOU

“LOVE AND PATIENCE HEALS”