



Student Code of Conduct

1. Introduction

Rase Veterinary Nursing College (RVNC) (the College) is a place of learning and work, and we need ground rules to help us to learn and work together safely and successfully.

2. College Values

The College has a set of values that supports everything we do in our College community. These are:

- Excellence
- Supportiveness
- Passion
- Valuing others
- Teamwork
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Sustainability

3. British Values

The College is committed to the promotion of and implementation of the four key British Values:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance

4. The Student Code of Conduct

4.1 This Code outlines how all students are expected to behave as members of the College community. It applies to behaviour on site, during off-site activities and when travelling to and from College.

4.2 The key elements are Safeguarding, Respect and Responsibility.

4.3 The central purpose of the Student Code of Conduct is to encourage the treatment of others in the way we ourselves expect and want to be treated. Treating all others with respect will help to create a healthy community.

4.4 The College will help all learners to prepare for employment, for further study and for life. We expect students to lead the way through presenting those skills that 'Professional Learners' demonstrate:

- High expectations of yourself
- Outstanding attendance and punctuality
- Completion of work on time
- Good behaviour
- Respect for others
- Self-belief

4.5 The College expects everyone to:

- Behave in a responsible and mature manner, including regarding all online communications, in line with College policies.
- Promote their own safety and wellbeing and that of others in line with Safeguarding and Health & Safety legislation.
- Show respect to all members of the College community

5. Living/Working in the College Community

5.1 Conduct and Performance Policies

The College operates conduct and performance policies to support and encourage appropriate behaviour. Full details can be found on the college website.

All inappropriate behaviour will be robustly challenged and, where appropriate, sanctions applied in line with relevant College policies.

5.2 Copying, Plagiarism and Collusion

Copying what someone else has written or taking someone's idea, including material downloaded from the Internet, and trying to pass it off as your own idea (plagiarism) is unacceptable and will result in the piece of work being rejected for assessment and subject to procedures outlined in the RVNC Cheating, Collusion and Plagiarism Policy.

Students should also refer to the RVNC Examination Protocol.

5.3 Assessment and Exam Regulations

Whilst your teachers will help prepare you for all assessment activities, it is your responsibility to know and follow the regulations of the Awarding Bodies and to make yourself aware of the times and location of any examinations. It is important to behave correctly in exam rooms. If rules are broken, the College will report such incidents and, in extreme cases, disqualification may be the result.

5.4 Travel to/from College

We welcome responsible and safe drivers.

- Parking is not permitted in areas identified for staff. Students may park at Rase Veterinary Centre on Gallamore Lane and be transported to the College building or park in the John Street car park.
- Vehicles must be taxed, insured, and hold a current MOT.

If you use College transport to get to campus, it is expected that you will always show respect to your fellow passengers and the relevant staff members.

5.5 Smoking/E-Cigarettes (Vaping)

Students are not permitted to smoke only in the College premises. If you go outside to smoke, then you must act responsibly. Please fully extinguish and dispose of your cigarette in the public bins to avoid the risk of accidental fire.

E-cigarettes are classified as a smoking material under the 'smoke free' legislation and under no circumstances can they be used inside any buildings.

5.6 Alcohol

Students must not be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol at any time on college property or whilst engaged in College related activities – on or off site.

We expect you to always use alcohol responsibly.

5.7 Illegal Drugs

The College has a zero-tolerance policy on the use of illegal drugs. The use, possession, exchange, supply, selling or being under the influence of illegal drugs, solvent abuse or misuse of prescription drugs is not permitted on college property and will be dealt with using the College's Fitness to Practice Policy and, if appropriate, with the police. Drug paraphernalia is also not permitted to be brought on to college property.

5.8 Criminal Convictions

Any student arrested or convicted of a 'relevant' criminal offence during their course of study is required to declare it immediately to the Head of Centre to enable a full risk assessment to be completed. A "relevant" offence is defined as 'crimes involving drugs and crimes against the person.' It is advisable that any student interviewed under caution for a relevant offence notifies the College to enable us to fulfil our Safeguarding obligations. For clarity, the College will not assume any level of guilt.

5.9 Sexual Misconduct

The College takes seriously any incident involving sexual misconduct. All allegations will be investigated thoroughly and dealt with in accordance with the relevant Policy.

It is important that students always treat one another with respect and understand, through the College's tutorial policy, what behaviour is unacceptable.

Any student who has concerns regarding about their peers is strongly encouraged to raise these with either their Tutor or Head of Centre. When anonymity is requested, this will be respected and maintained whenever possible.