



Veterinary Nurse

📍 Galway

🕒 Full-time, Permanent role

★ Funding for Professional Development

💰 €30,000-€34,000 DOE

Join Our Experienced and Supportive Team at Ark Vets, Galway

Are you a passionate and dedicated Registered Veterinary Nurse looking for an opportunity to develop your career in a dynamic, well-established referral hospital? Ark Vets in Galway is seeking a motivated veterinary nurse to join our experienced team at our Knocknacarra practice with occasional shifts in St Marys Road. We are committed to offering professional growth, clinical progression opportunities, and a supportive work environment where you can thrive.

About the Role:

- Full-time, permanent position as a Registered Veterinary Nurse
- 40 hours per week (5 days), with a 1 in 4 Saturday rotation
- No out-of-hours (OOH) or on-call shifts
- Salary range of €30,000 - €34,000, dependent on experience
- Generous Continuing Professional Development (CPD) allowance and paid CPD days off
- Funding for professional development and clinical progression opportunities
- A start date in April 2025
- New graduates are encouraged to apply, with full support and training provided

As part of our dedicated referral team, you will play a key role in delivering high-quality nursing care to both referral and first opinion patients. You will be involved in a variety of clinical duties, including general nursing as well as assisting with orthopaedics, medicine, and referral work.

Applicant Requirements

What we need from you:

- You are a fully qualified and VCI-registered Veterinary Nurse (or hold an equivalent qualification recognized by the Veterinary Council of Ireland)
- Experience is preferred, though we are open to applicants at all levels, including new graduates, who will receive extensive support and training
- You are a strong team player, with initiative, adaptability, and a commitment to providing excellent customer service
- A keen interest in professional growth and clinical progression within a supportive and experienced team
- Driver's license required to travel between our Knocknacarra and St Mary's Road branch

About Ark Vets Galway

At Ark Vets, we are a compassionate, client-focused companion animal veterinary practice committed to providing the highest standard of care. With two convenient locations—on St. Mary's Road and in Knocknacarra—we offer advanced diagnostic tools, including CT, endoscopy, dental X-ray, CR X-ray, and Idexx blood machines. Our Knocknacarra referral practice offers a range of advanced services, including orthopaedic surgeries, endoscopy, ultrasound, and a dedicated referral dental suite. We handle both referral and first opinion cases. We have a dedicated team of 8 veterinary surgeons, 8 veterinary nurses, and experienced support staff.

Joining Ark Vets means becoming part of a supportive, experienced team where your professional development is a priority. We believe in fostering an environment where both personal and clinical growth are encouraged, ensuring you can progress in your career while delivering exceptional care to our patients.

Why Ark Vets?

- Work with an established team of experienced professionals
- Opportunities for continued professional development and clinical progression
- A supportive and collaborative work environment
- No out-of-hours shifts, ensuring a great work-life balance

Benefits – subject to pro-rata

Investing in Your Growth: Exceptional Benefits for a Rewarding Career

We recognise that our people are fundamental to the success of our business. Investing in our staff, premises and processes is at the heart of what we do. In addition to a competitive salary, you will also benefit from:

Work Life Balance

- 22 days Annual Leave
- Birthday Leave

Focus on Employee Wellbeing

- Paid Maternity, Paternity and Adoptive Leave Packages
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Full access to EAP and Wellbeing Centre
- Paid Bereavement Leave
- Company Sick Pay

Development

- €600 annual CPD allowance with 3 days paid CPD days pro rata
- Bespoke Graduate Nurse Academy, Nurse Evolve and many more in-house academies
- Funding of any Certificates / Diplomas / PhD's you may want to pursue
- Career Progression Opportunities, both clinical and non-clinical
- Leadership Academy for all future leaders, including Head Nurses and Practice Managers

Professional Memberships

- VCI membership paid
- VDS cover paid

Additional Benefits

- Annual Pay Reviews
- Pawesome Benefits - reward gateway giving discounts and cashback with hundreds of retailers
- Employer Pension Contributions
- Free Flu Inoculations
- Discounted Veterinary Fees
- Opportunity to join company programmes (LGBTQ+, Wellbeing Champions, Nurses Committee, Clinical Board and many more)

As a BAME and LGBTQIA+ inclusive employer, we are keen to hear from candidates from all minority and diverse groups. As a Disability Confident Employer, we are keen to hear from candidates with disabilities and long-term health conditions and would be happy to discuss any reasonable adjustments needed during the recruitment process.

If you're ready to take the next step in your veterinary nursing career, we'd love to hear from you. Apply now to join our dedicated and passionate team at Ark Vets Galway.

Any questions before applying?

Speak to Shónagh Dawson from our recruitment team who would be happy to help you with any questions you have before applying for this role.

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