

Dear Veterinarians

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Re: Veterinary Nursing Course – Local and International

This is a general letter to all Veterinarians. MSAVA has been in dialogue with two parties for some time on the Veterinary Nursing Course. It is timely for the Veterinary practices in Malaysia to have a second tier of qualified personal to assist in clinical work. Coming to an end are the days of kennel hands, as the profession gears forward to meet the ever demanding needs of Pet Owners.

This need to have well trained staff raised MSAVA to seek Institutes or Companies providing a Veterinary Nursing Course. One such Company is AIRC (Animal Industries Resource Centre), which is an Australian based company providing such courses on a distant learning basis. The other is VAM Inc. a subsidiary Business arm of VAM.

AIRC

This has mentioned earlier is an Australian Based program. The entire course is run on distance learning with provisions for in house hands on and practical depending on the numbers and levels. There are 4 certificate levels a student will have to go through to obtain a degree in Veterinary Nursing. A student can also discontinue after any one of the Certificates has been completed. Part one of the course is an online course while 2 – 4 are correspondence courses. The company has been conducting these courses in Australia and has recently spread out to Hong Kong, Singapore & New Zealand.

VAM Inc

This is a Malaysian based program. It was drawn up by the DVS for the similar purpose has mentioned earlier. The program will be conducted by VAM Inc. It is an in house program which is for a month and remaining 5 months will be practical training at the place of work with exams every month. At present only part one has been drawn up by the DVS. It is also to be a 4 certificate level course, however currently only level one is confirmed. Please note that during the one month in house course the VAM Inc. will not be responsible for salary of staff, and expenses incurred for travel to and from the course centre during the exams.

Student Enrolment

Student enrolment under **AIRC** will be through MSAVA, while for VAM Inc. course names are submitted to VAM Inc. and selection is through them. AIRC is open to all Nationalities however VAM inc. is only for Malaysian Citizens. The minimum educational requirement in both courses is basic knowledge of Sciences, Mathematics. A good

command of spoken and written English / Bahasa Malaysia is necessary. AIRC conducts rolling intakes meaning that students may enroll in any given month.

Fees Payment

AIRC fees are paid to MSAVA and will be submitted to AIRC for formal enrolment. VAM Inc. the 1st batch is under VAM scholarship, subsequent batches will be charged however at this point of time VAM Inc. has not revealed the fees structure, for the subsequent batches.

The fees for Certificate 1 course under AIRC is as follows:

- a) Correspondence based – AUS 1,060.00
- b) Online based – AUS 955.00

The abovementioned student fees include all materials in either printed form or online, assessment materials and marking, a Statement of Attainment listing all units studied, a dual logoed Certificate I in Animal Studies, and ongoing phone and email support from Australia.

Registration Certification

Those students that complete the VAM Inc. course will be registered as Veterinary Nurses Certificate in name with the Malaysian Veterinary Council. AIRC will award an International recognized Certificate from Australia.

Further Information

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Enrolment for Course

Please note that AIRC Certificate 1 course can be done at anytime.

VAM Inc. – Veterinary Nursing Course

1st batch is only for MSAVA members staffs that fulfill the educational requirements to enroll into this course. Staff that has PMR Certificate with 3 years and more working experience can also apply.

All candidates must have a fairly good written & spoken knowledge of English / Bahasa Malaysia (VAM Inc.)

VAM Inc. would want to commence the course as soon as possible, so upon receiving these messages please submit full details of your candidates to me by soft copy and mail me the hard copy later. Please include recent IC photo of candidate, photocopy of IC and relevant educational certificates.

Registration Form for either course selected.

Name	
No. I. C. /K.P.	
Name of Clinic	
Qualification	
Proficiency in English	
Proficiency in Bahasa Malaysia	
Working Experience	

Name of Employer	
MSAVA Membership Number	
Name of Clinic	

The final dateline for VAM Inc. Course is the 19th July 2010. VAM Inc will be commencing the course by 1st August 2010. The date is not finalized however MSAVA will request the names submitted as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Non MSAVA members can also submit the names and details of their employers interested in this course and will be considered if vacancies are available.