

## **Grad. Cert. SAM student testimonials**

"Doing the UCD certificate in small animal medicine was a very positive experience for me. The course was well taught with engaging online lectures, interactive study groups and assignments. It was a challenge, but I felt I learned a huge amount and always felt very supported by the excellent teachers and support staff. The work is broken down in to manageable sections, so it never felt overwhelming. The course was a fantastic refresher for topics which had become a little less familiar after several years in practice. Importantly the course had a strong focus on evidence-based medicine and equipped me with the necessary skills to research the literature for the most up to date information. I would recommend the course to any vet who is interested in expanding their knowledge, changing their approach to clinical cases or as a basis to pursue further academic study."

*Deirdre Mullaney, Grad. Cert. SAM 2016*

"I would highly recommend the UCD Graduate Certificate to anyone wishing to update their small animal medicine skillset. Topics covered by internationally-recognised specialists ranged from oncology to antimicrobial resistance. The material was clearly presented in a way which I found relevant to clinical practice. At the core of this course is an evidence-based approach to medicine. We were encouraged to incorporate evidence-based medicine into all aspects of our course work from clinical decision making to appraisal of scientific papers. In this era of information overload, I have found adopting this approach to be really useful and reassuring when applied to the practice setting. The format of the year-long online course is suited to those working in practice. I found it to be very accessible: rather than having to attend formal classes at fixed times, I could log in when it was convenient making it easier to fit in with work and family schedules. Access to UCD's library was a major benefit - it is an amazing resource. Interactive discussion between participants was an integral component of the course from which I learned a lot. The teaching and support staff were approachable and extremely patient. Overall, I feel that the Graduate Certificate in Small Animal Medicine is a very worthwhile form of CPD for practitioners."

*Lindy Vaughan, Grad. Cert. SAM 2018*

“When I enrolled in the Postgrad. Cert. in Small Animal Medicine course, I must confess that I was not quite sure what lay in store. The course is founded on the principles of Evidence Based Veterinary Medicine, a learning method with which I was unfamiliar. However, this approach to learning and the opportunities the course offered to practice implementing the principles of EBVM to scenarios similar to those encountered in my practice, opened a completely new approach to the investigation and treatment of clinical cases. In addition, the new skills I obtained in the field of literature review and research have already had a very positive impact on my day - to - day work in practice.

I would heartily recommend this course to colleagues in general practice who are looking for a pathway to progress and improve their knowledge and skillset levels.

*Tom Mullany, Grad. Cert. SAM 2018*