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Thank you for agreeing to offer work placement for one of our students. This is especially appreciated this year due to the challenges with Covid-19.

We want to make it clear that the focus of the student being in placement this year, is to gain experience and confidence in the clinical environment, and not on completion of practical skills.

The student is not required to take photos, videos or ask you to assess them for any practical skills whilst in placement. Instead, we will provide the student with opportunities to complete these during simulated classroom sessions later in the year.

We are keen for the student to make the most of their placement and gain as much learning as they can whilst attending. A list of skills is provided and we hope that the student will have a chance to practice at least some of these skills during their time with you, if opportunities arise. The student may ask you to sign off a skill if they complete it in clinic as part of their learning record.

The student will also complete a reflective journal to record their experiences and reinforce what they have learned, whether this is by observing or doing.

We would also kindly ask you to fill out the Supervisor Feedback form towards the end of the students' placement with you and return it to us confidentially via the email on the form. This provides us with information about the student's employability, i.e. punctuality, communication, aptitude and professional behaviour. This information is vital as it shows how the student has performed in the clinic environment with your team and allows us a chance to give them feedback to improve if necessary.

Once again thank you so much for your continued support of these future veterinary nursing assistants. If you have any questions or would like one of our team to give you a call, please email us at: vetnursing.op.ac.nz

Kind Regards

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