

After several years in practice, Fiona qualified as a Registered Veterinary Nurse in 2004 and then studied Companion Animal Behaviour at Southampton University. She spent many years in clinical practice before taking up a full-time lecturing position on a Veterinary Nursing degree programme, where she gained a postgraduate degree in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. She returned to clinical work in 2009 and completed a Clinical Veterinary Nursing Diploma and an Advanced Veterinary Nursing Diploma in medicine, both with distinction.

During her Advanced Diploma, she developed an interest in Oncology Nursing and worked as a dedicated Oncology Nurse for numerous years. She joined the Vet School in 2014 as a Senior Oncology Nurse and has since completed her master's degree in Veterinary Nursing with distinction. She has also completed a postgraduate certificate in Veterinary Nursing Oncology and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

Fiona is now a full-time lecturer on the veterinary degree programme, teaching on the professional and clinical skills course. She is also the school's disability contact and works closely with the student support team.

Her main interests lie in communication, pet loss support, and mental health and wellbeing in the profession. She is currently completing a postgraduate diploma in Mental Health Psychology and is working on her PhD via publication.