I began working in the veterinary nursing industry in 1998 and completed my Certificate in Veterinary Nursing shortly afterwards with Otago Polytechnic. 3 years later I was in the inaugural year of delivery of Rural Animal Technology with Otago Polytechnic again. The Diploma in Veterinary Nursing came next, but not until 2008. In 2021, I completed my Master in Professional Practice with a focus on animal husbandry.

I have been a lecturer with Otago Polytechnic for a very (very) long time as the Programme Leader for Rural Animal Technology. I have also completed some project work for several of the other educational providers.

I’ve been on the NZVNA Executive Committee since 2020, and this year am a part of the Conitnuing Professional Development sub-committee. One of my aims to to help bring equine nursing into focus and to be inclusive of other allied veterinary professionals. To this end I am also on the Executive Committee of NZVA Large Animal Veterinary Technician group to help triangulate VNs (companion and equine), and LAVTs.

My husband grimly tells people that my work is my passion (true) and my love affair with teaching and learning is now further strengthen by research. Poor guy.

When the laptop is closed I can normally be found next a horse or two (usually my own). My preferred discipline now days is as a carriage driver. I’m also a ferious devourer of books and have a most ecletic appetite also in music.