

Becoming a Vet

My Story to Date



My Journey



1986



My Journey

Started High School

1998

Work
Experience



What would my Ideal Job be?

With Animals

*Helping
Others*

Varied

Scientific



Teamwork

*Problem
Solving*

Work Experience



versus



My Journey

Started High School

1998

GCSEs

2003

Work
Experience



GCSE Results

Biology	A
Chemistry	B
Physics	A
Maths	A
Statistics	A
English; Speaking & Listening	A
English Literature	B
History	B
Art & Design	A*
Design & Technology; Graphics	A*
German	A
Religious Studies	A*

My Journey

Started College

2003

Further
Work
Experience



Work Experience

- 2 weeks of Veterinary Practice ✓
Wednesday afternoons at mixed Vet practice
- 2 weeks on a livestock farm ✓
2 weeks in Wales on a Dairy/Beef farm
- 2 weeks of other experience ✓
2 weeks at a riding stables

Plus... 1 week at a Veterinary Laboratory
1 day at an abattoir
VetSim/VetSix Course

My Journey

Started College

2003

AS Levels

2004

Further
Work
Experience



AS Levels

Biology

B

Chemistry

D

Maths

A

Psychology

A

Plus

- Level 3 Key Skill in Application of Number
- Level 3 Key Skill in Information Technology

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2003

AS Levels

2004

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My Journey



University
Application

Applying to University

- AS-level results - AABD
- Predicted A-level results - AAA
- BMAT test
- Personal Statement
 - Motivation
 - Maturity
 - Thorough understanding of the demands of the job
- References

Applying to University



Liverpool



Bristol



Glasgow



London



Invited
to interview

My Journey

AS Levels

2004

Interview

University
Application

Interview

- Royal Vet College Hawkshead campus
- January/February of A-level year
- 3 Interviewers

Asked..

- To describe an operation I had seen
- My opinion on the Foot and Mouth Crisis
- How I felt about Vivisection/animal testing
- A little about my riding hobby
- What topics/tasks I enjoyed most during my A-levels
- What type of Vet I wanted to be



My offer was AAB

My Advice

- Practice, practice, practice!
- Wear something you feel comfortable in
- Know your personal statement and be prepared to elaborate on things you may have seen
- Read the Veterinary press regularly

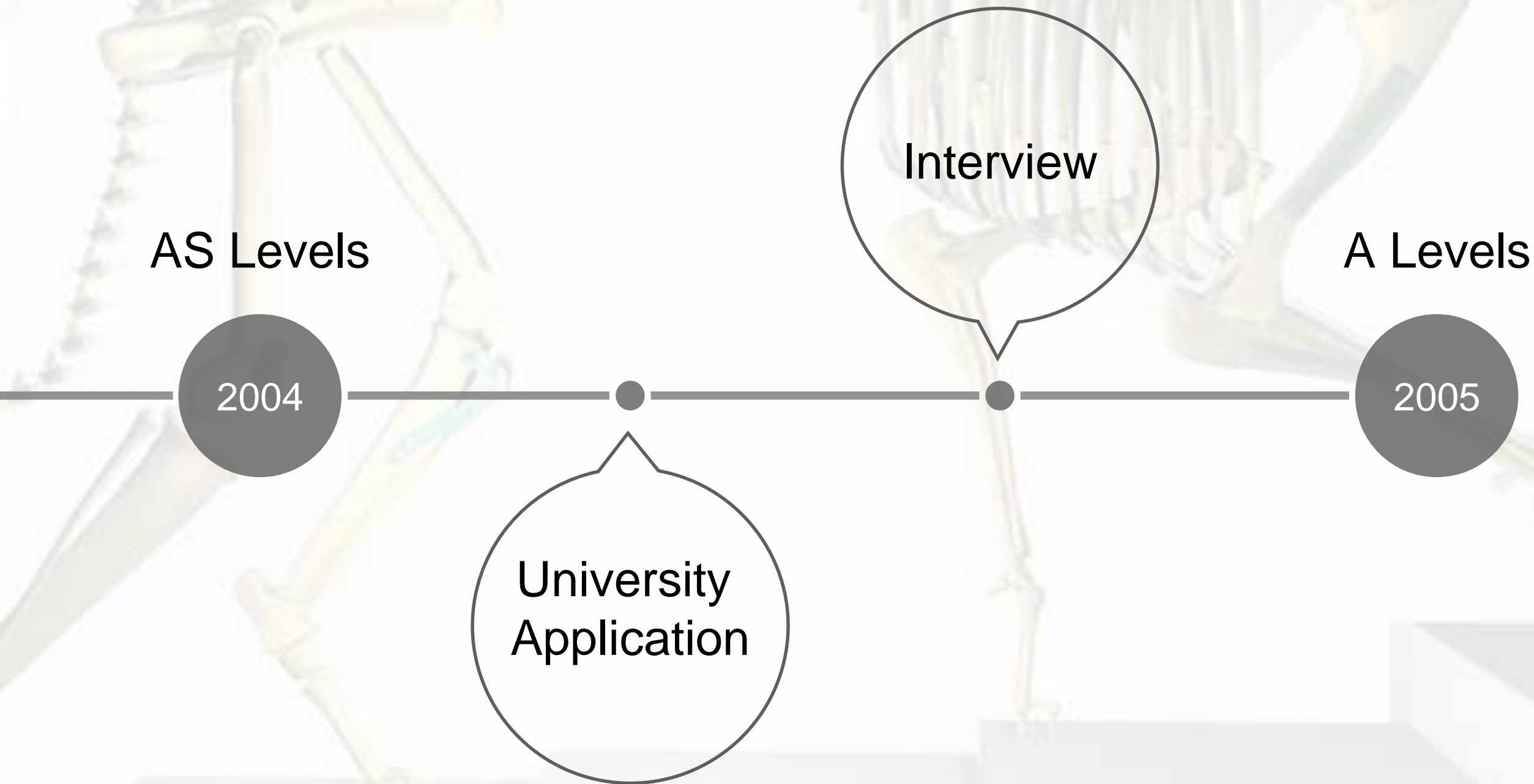
- Be up to date with current veterinary issues e.g. brachycephalic airway syndrome

**Veterinary
Record**

**veterinary
Times**

- Prepare some questions of your own
- Smile!

My Journey



A Levels

Biology	B
Chemistry	B
Maths	B
General Studies	C



Clearing



Accepted!

My Journey

AS Levels

2004

Interview

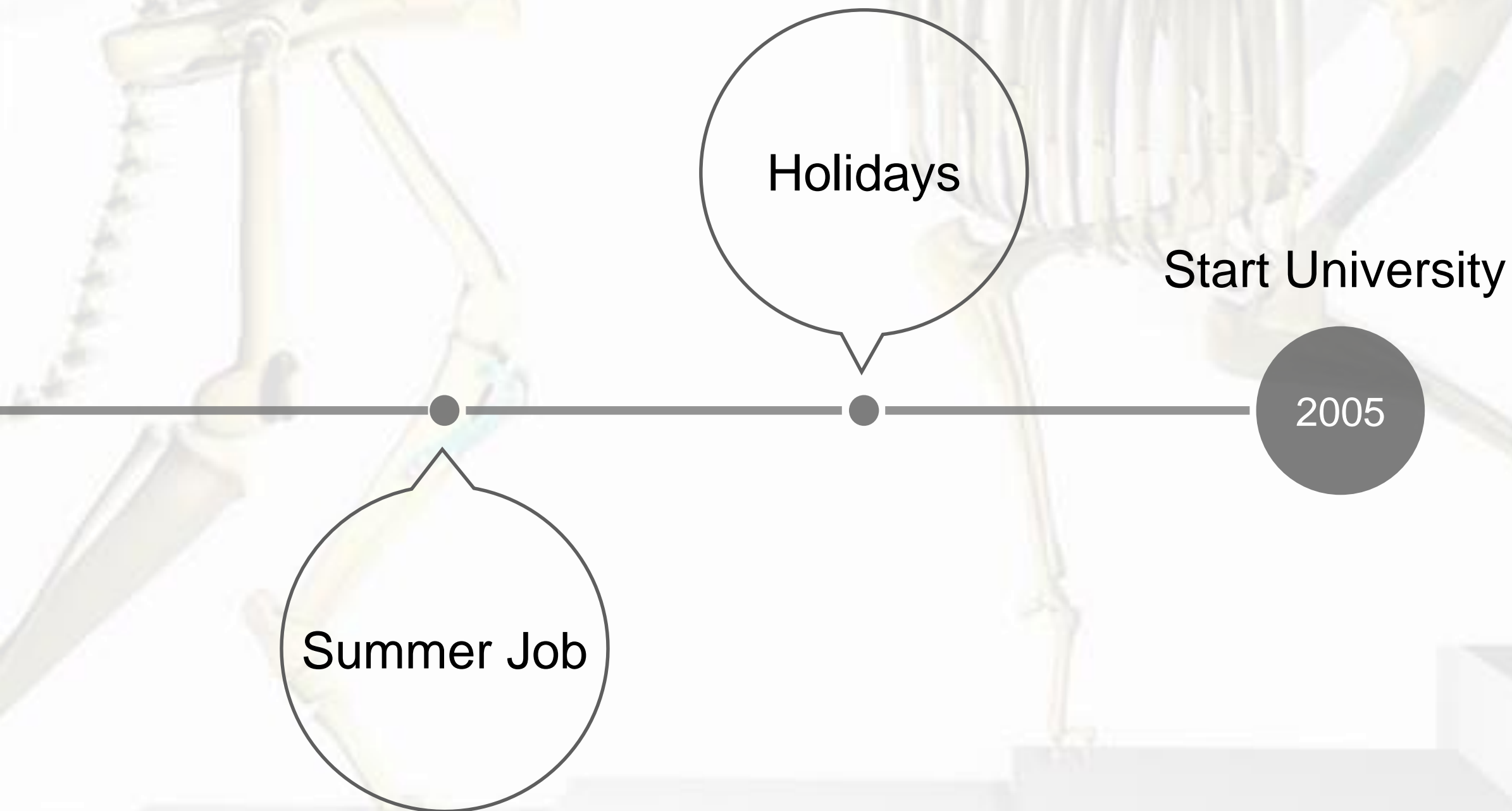
A Levels

2005

University
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My Journey



Summer Job - Phlebotomist

Patient facing role

Working with professionals

People skills.....

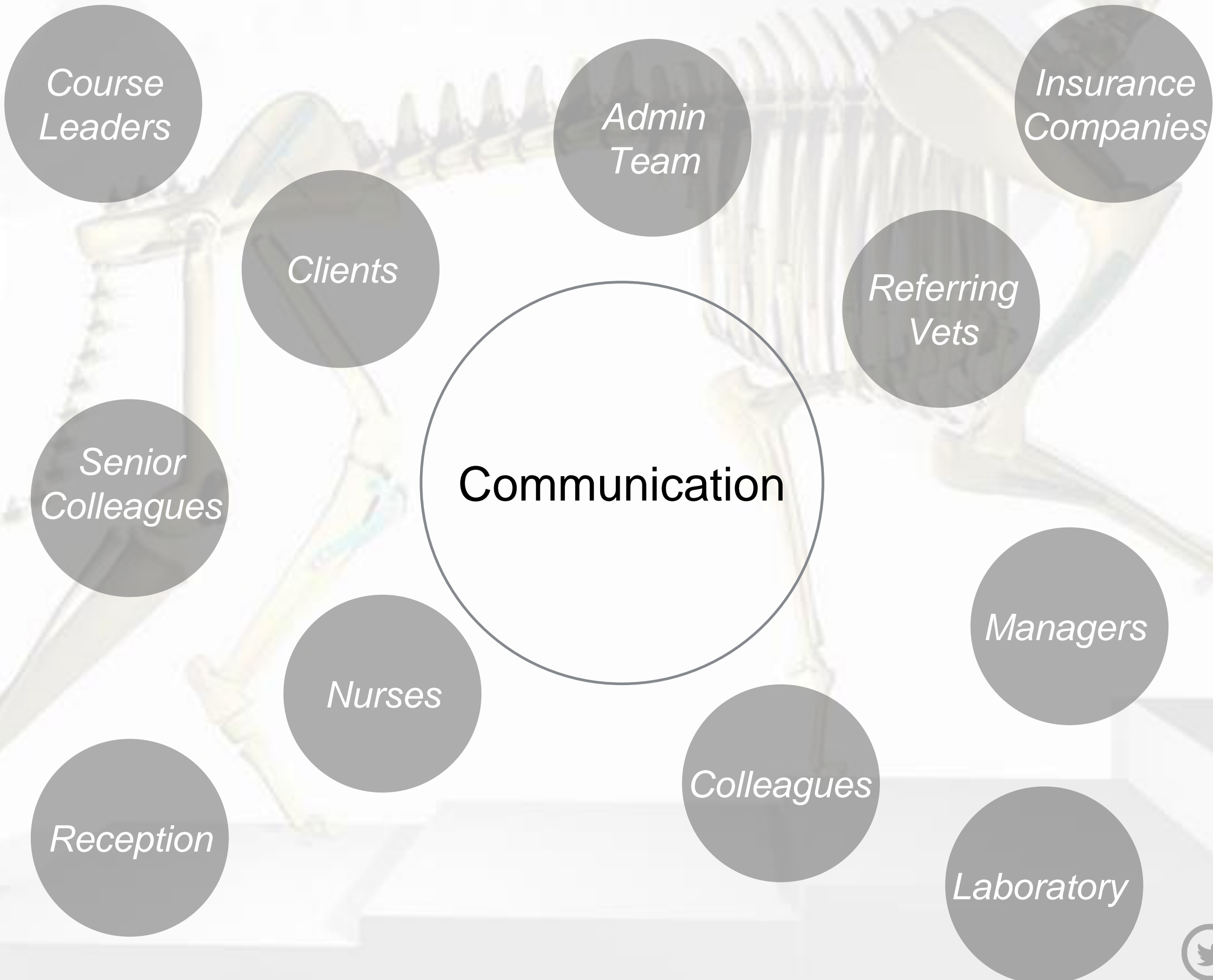
Team work

Clinical skills

Furthering knowledge.....

Money for socialising/holidays





My Journey

Start University

2005



Failed 1st Year Exams

F - first

A - attempt

I - in

L - learning



My Journey



My Journey

Graduation

2010



Graduation



Clifford Formston award for Surgery

My Journey

First Job

2010

Diversification

Diversification



My Journey

First Job

2010

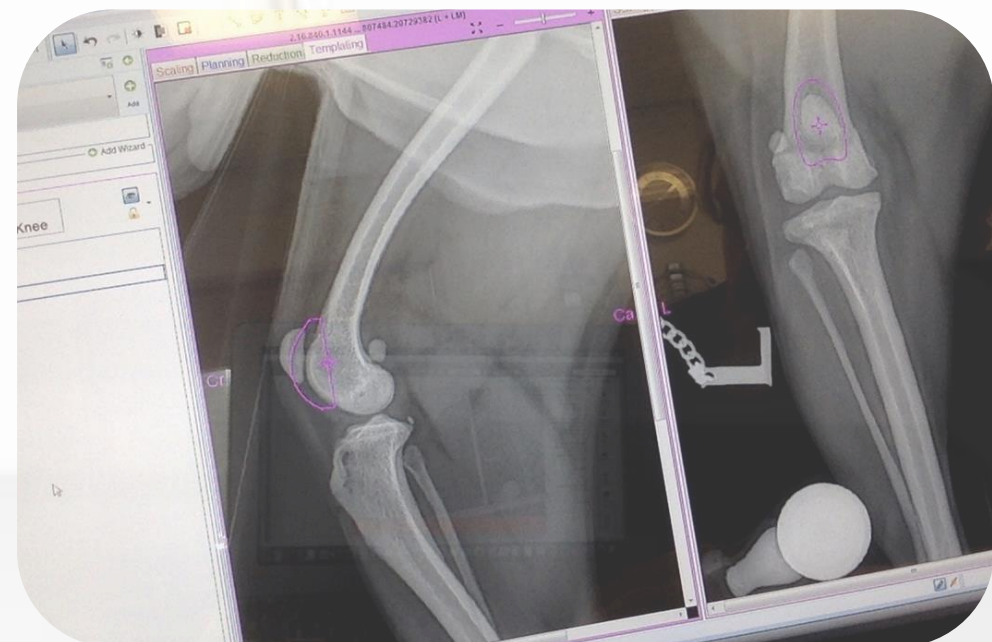
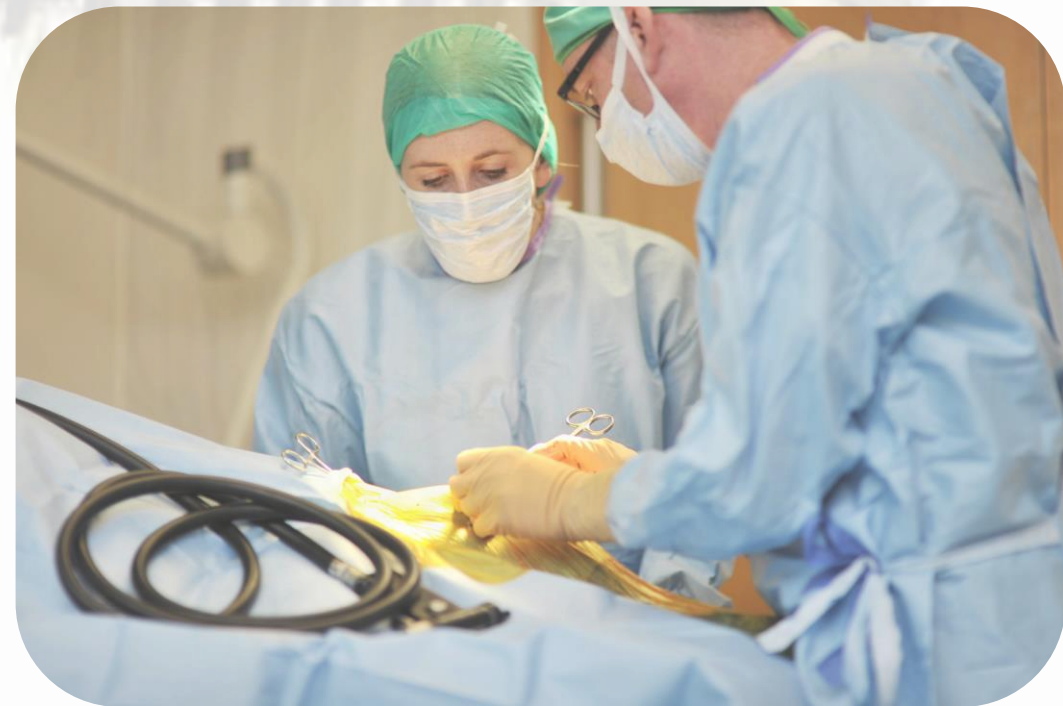
Diversification

Specialisation



Torrington Orthopaedics

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Any Questions?

