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ACM20121

Certificate II in Animal Care

VET DSS Online



High school students studying online will gain skills and knowledge to confidently and safely work with animals.

Course overview

Study mode: Online

Duration: Up to 1 year

Practical Training: At an Approved
Workplace of your choice

Online Study Time: Approx. 10-15 hours
per week

Fees: \$2,845* (Payment plans over 11
months available)



This course has been assessed as appropriate for inclusion on the [Department of Training and Workforce Development's VET delivered to Secondary Schools funded list 2024](#).

This course is delivered online and you will not be required to attend classes. You will:

- Be provided access to our Online Learning Platform, including **instructional videos and materials** to help you understand and apply theory easily.
- Receive **on-going support** from our Trainers and Assessors who have extensive industry experience.

Work placement

- We recommend completing 100 hours of workplace-based training (work placement) to gain practical skills.
- You, your parent/guardian and VET Coordinator are ultimately responsible for finding and securing your work placement position.
- Choose a workplace according to your location, availability, and interests.
- Ideal facilities include kennels, catteries, doggy daycares, shelters, pet shops (with access to animals), wildlife centres, zoos, and vet practices.
- You will need to have access to at least **two species of animals**.
- Current employment/volunteering in animal care may qualify as a work placement
- Your work placement will be subject to review and approval.

Study with the best
95%* of our graduates recommend
the training we provide

*NCVER VET report 2022

*Fees, inclusions and payment plan amounts are subject to change. If you decide to withdraw from study for any reason, refunds are not issued. Please see our [policies page](#) for full details. Concession rates are not available for this course.

Why AVT?



Dedicated Animal
Care College

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25 Years in
Education



Safe and Supported
Learning

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What to expect?

Environmental Requirements

In your workplace, you may need to:

- Work outdoors, exposed to various weather conditions.
- Encounter moderate levels of noise, including animal sounds and/or the general public.
- Be physically capable of lifting equipment, and standing or walking for extended periods.

Assessment Types

Students will be assessed on their skills and knowledge in various ways, including:

- Written answers, online assessments and tests, multiple choice questions and practical demonstrations via video or photographic submissions.

Entry requirements

The great news is, there are no prerequisites for this course however you will need to:

- Have a reliable internet connection and laptop.
- Be proficient in speaking and writing in English.
- Be physically capable of restraining animals, handling animal feed e.g. large bags of food of up to 10kg and standing for extended periods of time.
- Have a minimum level of schooling up to and including year 10, with a good understanding of science and maths.
- Be at least Year 10 high school age
- Find a suitable workplace for your practical training where your supervisor can also read and write English.

Compulsory uniform

You will be required to wear a uniform when you visit your work placement:

- AVT scrub top and name badge (provided)
- Black long pants
- Sturdy enclosed shoes

How to apply?

1. Visit our website and submit your application form
2. If you have any questions, please call us on 08 9472 1804

Career opportunities and pathways

The great news is that the animal care industry is currently booming as a result of increasing pet ownership and our communities' growing concerns about the welfare of animals. The demand for trained employees and volunteers who have hands-on skills is on the increase.

Entry-level career opportunities include Animal Care Attendants, Welfare Shelter Attendants, Kennel Hands, Cattery Attendants, Retail Assistants and Veterinary Care Assistants.

Course structure

You will complete the following units:

- ACMWHHS201** Participate in workplace health & safety processes
- ACMGEN202** Complete animal care hygiene routines
- BSBCMM211** Apply communication skills
- ACMGEN203** Feed & water animals
- ACMGEN204** Assist in healthcare of animals
- ACMSUS201** Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
- ACMGEN201** Work in the animal care industry
- ACMGEN309** Provide basic animal first aid
- ACMGEN205** Source information for animal care needs
- ACMGEN102** Approach and handle a range of calm animals
- ACMINF201** Handle companion animals safely and follow infection control guidelines

And select **one** of the species-specific elective units from below (to correspond with your work placement):

- ACMSPE316** Provide general care of domestic dogs
- ACMSPE317** Provide general care of domestic cats
- ACMSPE314** Provide general care of birds
- ACMSPE322** Provide general care of rodents or rabbits

*This certificate meets the prerequisite for
ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing*

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