

# Certificate II in Animal Care

VETDSS 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\* (Flexible payment plans over 11 months available)

This nationally recognised qualification is available to secondary school students as part of a VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VETDSS) program.

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

- Be provided access to our Online Learning Platform, including **instructional videos and materials** to help you understand and apply theory easily.
- **Receive 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



25 Years in Education



Safe and Supported Learning

## 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.
- Complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) quiz
- 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.

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

## 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:

- ACMWSH201** 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\*

*\*Due to Queensland legislation relating to rabbit ownership and management, we recommend selecting an alternative elective if you're based in Queensland.*

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