

Certificate II in Animal Care

VETDSS On-site Course

Students will gain skills and knowledge to confidently and safely work with animals while studying at Landsdale Farm

Course overview

Duration: Three terms, 1 day per week

Compulsory course commencement day:

Wed 3 Dec 2025

Term dates:

- **Term 1:** Thu 12 Feb - Thu 2 Apr 2026
- **Break:** Fri 3 Apr - Sun 19 Apr 2026
- **Term 2:** Thu 23 Apr - Fri 3 Jul 2026
- **Break:** Mon 6 Jul - Fri 17 July 2026
- **Term 3:** Thu 23 Jul - Fri 25 Sep 2026

Where: Landsdale Farm, Darch WA

Best suited to: Years 10 – 12 high school aged students who are passionate about a career working with animals

Course fees:

- Eligible Jobs and Skills WA VETDSS funded students are exempt from course and resource fees**
- Students not eligible for funding \$3,900**



***Fees subject to change. Please visit our website or speak to our Student Support team for information on eligibility. Funded places are subject to eligibility and availability. Student tuition fees are indicative only and are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment.*

Practical training & course structure

Workplace learning will be undertaken at Landsdale Farm. Students will:

- Gain hands-on skills working with a range of companion and farm animals.
- Train in a nurturing environment alongside other like-minded high school students.
- Be in a safe environment supervised by our Trainers and Assessors who have working with children checks.

Students are not required to find a work placement for additional training or experience

This course been assessed as appropriate for inclusion on the Department of Training and Workforce Development's VET delivered to Secondary Schools funded list 2025.

Students attend weekly classes and hands-on training at Landsdale Farm in Darch, WA, covering workplace safety, animal handling, care, feeding, first aid and behaviour. The course combines theory and practice to prepare students for the animal care industry.



What to expect?

Essential Requirements

Throughout this course, students will need to:

- Collaborate in group settings using both verbal and non-verbal communication.
- Effectively communicate with peers and Trainer and Assessor.
- Follow written and verbal instructions accurately.
- Engage in group activities and practical assessments alongside peers.
- Complete workplace documentation using industry-specific language.
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including steel toe-capped boots, gloves and sun protection.
- Work within an animal care facility, handling and caring for various species. This environment by its nature will expose students to potential allergens.
- Adhere to hygiene protocols to ensure animal health, which may involve contact with animal waste such as uneaten food, urine, faeces, soiled bedding and enrichment items.

Environmental Requirements

In this course, students will:

- Attend classes with a maximum of 24 students.
- Work outdoors, exposed to various weather conditions.
- Encounter moderate levels of noise, including animal sounds, the general public and farm machinery.
- 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, presentations, verbal questioning and practical tasks visually assessed by Trainers and Assessors.

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

Pre-entry requirements

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

- Have a reliable internet connection and laptop
- Complete a supervised Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills (LLND) quiz
- 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

Compulsory uniform

We want to ensure students won't be afraid to get a little messy whilst participating in hands-on training. That's why students will wear a uniform on-site each week including:

- AVT shirt, hat and name badge (provided)
- Long comfortable work pants (supplied by student)
- Steel-capped shoes (supplied by student)

Course content

Students will complete the following units:

ACMWHS201	Participate in workplace health & safety processes
ACMGEN202	Complete animal care hygiene routines
BSBCMM211	Apply communication skills
ACMGEN203	Feed & water animals
ACMGEN204	Assist in health care of animals
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMGEN201	Work in the animal care industry
ACMINF201	Handle companion animals safely and follow infection control guidelines
ACMGEN103	Assist in the care of animals
ACMGEN205	Source and provide information for animal care needs
ACMGEN102	Approach and handle a range of calm animals
ACMGEN309	Provide basic animal first aid

How to apply

1. Discuss the course with a parent/guardian and the VET Coordinator at school
2. Visit our website to submit an application form

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