

ACM20121

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.



Duration: One semester **Attendance:** 1 day per week **Intakes:** February and July

Where: Landsdale Farm in Darch WA

Fees:

- Eligible Jobs and Skills WA VETDSS funded students are exempt from course and resource fees*. Must be attending compulsory education and not hold a Notice of Arrangement (NOA).
- Students not eligible for funding \$3,648*

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 Trainer and Assessors who have working with children checks.

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

Over one semester, students participate in weekly classroom and practical training sessions at Landsdale Farm in Darch WA. In months 1-2, students learn workplace safety in the animal care industry and the fundamentals of handling and approaching animals. In months 3-4, students learn about caring for animals, feeding practices, first aid, and animal behaviour. In the final months, students consolidate theory and practical skills to become work ready.

Students will not be required to find a work placement for additional training/experience.







*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.

Why AVT?



Dedicated Animal Care College



25 Years in Education



Safe and Supported Learning



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 industryspecific 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 Trainer 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
- 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

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 and name badge (provided)
- Black long pants and hat (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

ACMSPE322 Provide general care of rodents or rabbits
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

- 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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