

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- Animal health, welfare, behaviour and biology.
- Nutrition, feeding, accommodation and enrichment.
- Safe handling, husbandry, hygiene and biosecurity.

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

Turn your interest in animals into knowledge, practical skills and a future career.

This two-year Level 3 T Level combines the science behind animal care with animal welfare and workplace experience.

Explore how animals behave, what keeps them healthy and how to meet their daily needs responsibly.

Build confidence, teamwork and professional skills through classroom learning, practical activities and an industry placement.

Equivalent in size to three A levels, with routes into employment, apprenticeships and related higher education.

LEARN IN THE WORKPLACE

315 hours

At least 315 hours of industry placement, approximately 45 days, across the two-year course.

Apply your learning in a professional setting and understand the responsibilities of working with animals.

Develop observation, record-keeping, research, communication and problem-solving skills, alongside practical learning and independent study.

Placement settings and duties depend on availability, suitability and employer requirements. The academy will explain your arrangements before you begin.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

- Externally assessed core examinations.
- An employer-set project applying your learning to an industry-related brief.
- Assessments in the occupational specialism delivered by the academy.
- Completion of the required industry placement to achieve the full T Level.

PREPARE FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING

Suitable practical clothing, protective footwear and any required personal protective equipment. Specific requirements and costs will be shared before enrolment. Ask the Post-16 team about available financial support.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs

at Grade 4 or above

Including English, mathematics and science.

An interest in animal wellbeing, scientific study and responsible practical work will support your learning.

FIND OUT MORE

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WHERE COULD IT TAKE YOU

Progress to relevant employment or apprenticeships, or apply for higher education, subject to each employer's or provider's entry requirements.

Further study could include animal management, welfare, behaviour, conservation or zoology.

EXPLORE CAREER DIRECTIONS

- Animal care and animal training.
- Zoo keeping and wildlife conservation.
- Animal-related business and enterprise.

Some careers, including veterinary nursing, require further approved training and professional registration. Career options depend on your pathway, experience and further qualifications.