

Level 2 – Diploma in Animal Care

- Starts:** Autumn Term
- Course Length:** 12 Months – 4 days a week
- Location:** Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, Haddenham (near Aylesbury)
- English/Maths:** 16-18 year old students will be required to take English and Maths classes at the Buckinghamshire College Group, Aylesbury Campus, if they do not have 9-4 / A*-C grade GCSEs.

About the course

Focussing upon the major principles and practices of animal care and welfare, you will be able to start or build on a career in the Animal Care Industry. Level 2 is ideal if you are new to animal care or have some knowledge and basic skills. You want to develop your skills, perhaps to start work in a pet shop, animal shelter or kennel or prepare for further training. Build on your animal experience, working hands-on with wildlife in a busy Hospital. This nationally recognised, accredited qualification builds on your knowledge of animal care. Students will be expected to complete assignments at home to improve their overall background knowledge.

Progression

As part of the Level 2 Animal Care qualification you will be given support in moving into the industry. You may also wish to progress on to Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management, subject to achieving an overall Merit grade with a Distinction in the Biology unit, plus having demonstrated commitment to learning.

Days

Tuesdays, two other week days, plus one day at the weekend.

16-18 year olds requiring English or Maths classes will additionally need to attend lessons at the Buckinghamshire, College Group, Aylesbury Campus.

Note: we run year round including Bank Holidays, not term time only. Students can take 23 days pre-booked holiday.

Entry Requirements

3 GCSEs at grade 2-3 / D-E or above, including English and Maths.

All students need to be enthusiastic, complete a successful interview, plus attend every day of a hands-on trial week.

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Mandatory Units

Students must complete all mandatory units:

- Unit 201 Maintain Animal Health and Welfare
- Unit 202 Undertake Practical Animal Feeding
- Unit 203 Maintain Animal Accommodation
- Unit 204 Undertake Work Related Experience in the Land-based Industries

Optional Units

*Additionally, students must also complete **three** of the following units:*

- Unit 205 Understand the Basic Principles of Animal Biology
- Unit 206 Introduction to the Principles and Practices of Animal Behaviour and Handling
- Unit 207 Contribute to the Nursing of Animals
- Unit 208 Understand the Principles and Practices of Animal Establishments
- Unit 216 Understand British Wildlife Species, Habitats and Rehabilitation
- Unit 219 Participate in Providing Estate Maintenance

Plus

Students will also cover CV writing, job applications, interview techniques, team working, dealing with the public and employability skills.

2019/20 - Fees & Funding Support

On enrolment, **ALL students** will need to provide a course contribution fee of £70.00, this covers uniform tops, stationery and local visits. This is not covered by course fees/funding.

16-18 year-old students are exempt from tuition and registration fees.

19+ course fees - £1,171 for the course. Payment in instalments may be possible but needs to be agreed in advance.

19-24 year olds may qualify for full or partial course fees funding, depending on eligibility criteria.

What careers could this lead to?

Achieving this qualification can help you work in roles such as kennels, catteries, pet shops, zoo keeping, animal welfare, trainee veterinary nurse, veterinary assistant.

It also offers access to further education, such as Level 3 course or A Levels.