

ANIMAL CARE



What is this subject?

Animal care is the practical skills and understanding that is needed to work successfully with animals. By understanding the needs of animals, students gain the knowledge and confidence to demonstrate successful animal husbandry. Through practical animal care, students can demonstrate the knowledge gained, and the empathy and care that is required in this sector.

Qualifications and course requirements

City and Guilds Level 2 Certificate/Extended Certificate in Animal Care. The Level 2 certificate requires the successful completion of 2 modules (15 credits), while the extended certificate requires the successful completion of 4 modules (30 credits). During the completion of the various modules, students will be awarded with AQA Unit Assessment awards at Entry Level for the relevant skills achieved.

The Prince's Trust Achieve Award

Examples of units and project questions

Unit 202: Undertake Practical Animal Feeding – What is needed to care for farm animals on a daily basis?

Unit 211: Contribute to the Care of Exotic Animals – What are the welfare needs of an exotic animal in captivity?

What future jobs and college courses can students go onto?

By completing the Level 2 qualification, students will be able to move forward to:

- BTEC Level 2/3 Animal Care
- an apprenticeship in the animal care sector
- study to become a veterinary care assistant.

Possible visits and work experience

Throughout the course, students will be given the opportunity to experience animal care in various settings. Access to the local city farm and visits to the zoo will give students an insight into working with animals in different environments. Guest speakers will explain and demonstrate how important animal welfare is for a successful career in animal care. Students will be given the opportunity to take ownership of an animal, developing responsibility and the empathy required to progress onto the next stages in their lives.