

ACM20117

Certificate II in Animal Studies (specialist program)

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This VET Program is designed for students seeking to join the animal care and management industry who require a specialist learning environment to cater for students with a disability or learning difficulty.

COURSE AIMS

Students completing this Program will cover a range of units including workplace health and safety, working in the animal care industry, surgery preparation assistance, assisting in the care of animals and acting as an information source for animal care needs.

CONTRIBUTION TO VCAL/VCE

VCAL: One credit towards a VCAL learning program is awarded on successful completion of 90 nominal hours of accredited VET curriculum.

VCE: Students who complete this Program may be eligible for recognition of two or more units at units 1 & 2 level and a units 3 & 4 sequence (if available). Students may not be recognised for all eligible credit until the completion of the second year.

ATAR: This Program does not have a study score and therefore cannot contribute towards the student's primary four. Where a units 3 & 4 sequence is available and satisfactorily completed, it may be counted as a 5th or 6th subject and contribute towards their ATAR (10% of the lowest study score of the primary four).

Please note: The student must already have English and three other fully scored VCE/VET subjects to create the primary four.

POTENTIAL PATHWAYS

- Certificate III in Animal Studies
- Certificate III in Captive Animals (Zookeeping pathway)
- Certificate III in Pet Grooming
- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
- Certificate IV in Animal Control Resolution

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONS

- Animal care attendant
- Animal shelter attendant
- Kennel hand
- Cattery attendant
- Pet shop attendant
- Assistant dog groomer

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/ INFORMATION

Students may be required to attend excursion and field day activities throughout this Program. Parents will be required to sign excursion forms at the beginning of the year.

Please note: This VET Program is only open to students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan). This VET Program will be supported by an Education Support Worker to assist students with all aspects of the Program.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Students are required to wear protective footwear and other protective items as required under OH&S legislation. More information will be provided at commencement of the Program.

NATIONAL OR STATE ACCREDITATION

National

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The Gordon Institute of TAFE

RTO CODE

3044

PROGRAM LOCATION

Ballarat Specialist School, Farm Campus
800 Norman Street, Ballarat

PROGRAM LENGTH

2 years

DAY AND TIME

1st year – Thursday 12.00pm to 3.00pm
2nd year – Tuesday 12.00pm to 3.00pm

PROGRAM MATERIAL COSTS (APPROXIMATE ONLY)

1st year – \$150
2nd year – \$150

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

Strongly recommended – 80 hrs / 2 weeks minimum over total Program

OUTCOMES

Satisfactory completion of this two year Program entitles the student to a ACM20117 Certificate II in Animal Studies.

ENROLMENT TYPE

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Commencement of Program will be dependent on adequate student numbers for enrolment and funding. Programs and units of competency are subject to change prior to commencement. This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding to eligible individuals.

1ST YEAR UNITS OF COMPETENCY

ACMGAS201	Work in the animal care industry
ACMGAS202	Participate in workplace communications
ACMWH201	Participate in workplace health and safety processes
ACMGAS207	Provide reception services for an animal care facility
ACMGAS209	Provide information on companion animals, products and services
ACMSPE310	Provide basic care of mammals

2ND YEAR UNITS OF COMPETENCY

ACMGAS205	Assist in the health care of animals
ACMGAS206	Provide basic first aid for animals
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMGAS203	Complete animal care hygiene routines
ACMGAS204	Feed and water animals
ACMSPE305	Provide basic care of domestic cats