

# Animal Care

Students are strongly advised to select a second VET Cluster program preference, in the likely event that this 2025 Program may not run.



## ACM20121 CERTIFICATE II IN ANIMAL CARE

### What it is

If you have a passion for animals, then this program may be for you. You learn how to care for animals and gain an understanding of the animal care industry, its products and services.

Students develop the skills and knowledge to work in the animal care industry such as basic animal first aid, general care, feeding, and cleaning up. Also, students learn about human interaction such as providing information for animal care needs and delivering customer service.

Overall, students learn and experience how workers provide care for animals in workplaces such as animal shelters, boarding/day care facilities, sanctuaries and veterinary clinics.

### What you learn

You learn from the following subjects (Units of Competency):

#### FIRST YEAR

- ✓ Participate in workplace health & safety processes ACMWHS201
- ✓ Feed and water animals ACMGEN203
- ✓ Work in the animal care industry ACMGEN201
- ✓ Complete animal care hygiene routines ACMGEN202
- ✓ Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices ACMSUS201
- ✓ Apply communication skills BSBCMM211

#### SECOND YEAR

- ✓ Assist in health care of animals ACMGEN204
- ✓ Deliver a service to customers BSBOPS203
- ✓ Source and provide information for animal care needs ACMGEN205
- ✓ Provide basic animal first aid ACMGEN309
- ✓ Provide general care of mammals ACMSPE320
- ✓ Provide general care of non-venomous reptiles ACMSPE321

### Who you learn from

#### YOUR INDUSTRY EXPERT

To be advised

#### WHERE YOU LEARN

To be advised

#### WHEN

To be advised

“I like the practical activities and having dogs in class”

RESPONSE FROM 2024 VET CLUSTER STUDENT SURVEY

## What you get

Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to obtain:

### School recognition

Credit/Unit eligibility towards your relevant Senior Secondary Certificate. Check with your school for more details.

### Workplace recognition

1. Certificate II in Animal Care  
(once all units satisfactorily completed)
2. Statement of Attainment  
(List of the Units of Competency which have been successfully completed)

## Your possible career/pathway

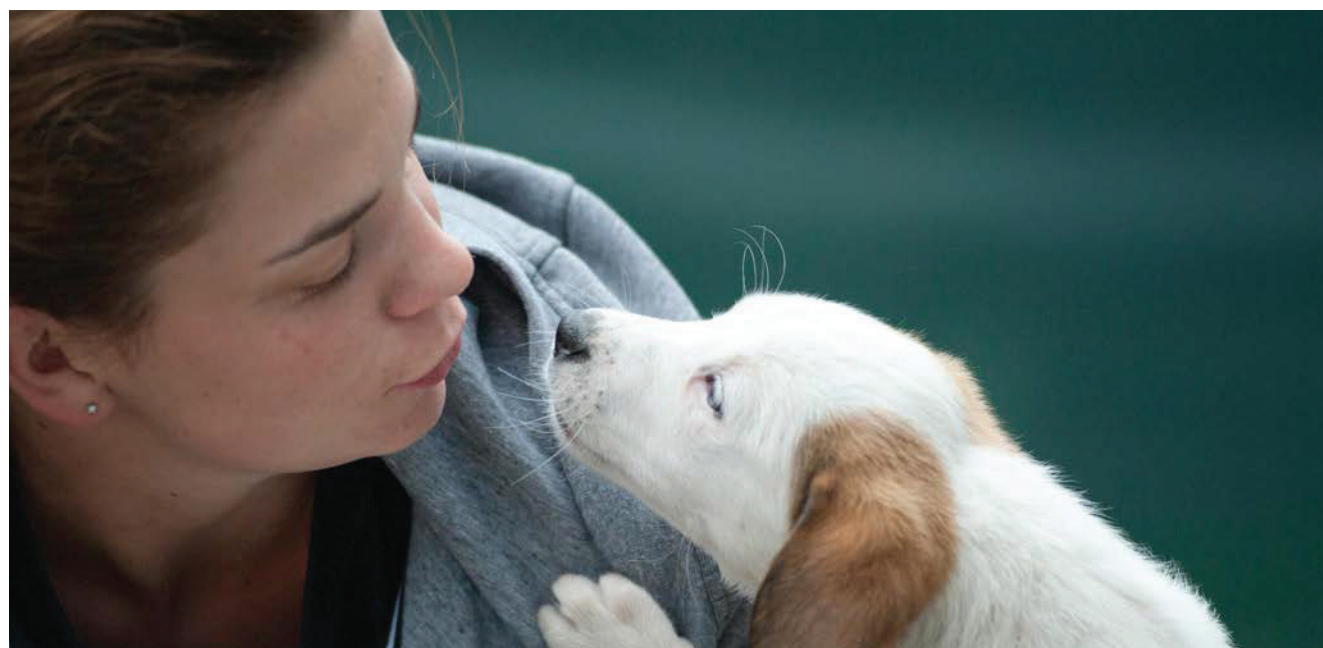
Upon completion of the qualification, students will be prepared for entry-level employment in veterinary clinics, animal shelters, pet shops, companion animal services, or animal training services. The program is a pathway to further study including a veterinary nursing career.

## Learn more

Certificate III in Animal Studies ACM30122, Certificate III in Companion Animal Services ACM30417, Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training ACM40322, Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing ACM40418, Diploma of Animal Technology ACM50117

## Employment

Possible career outcomes on completion include: animal shelter assistant, pet shop assistant, animal service provider, kennel attendant, assistant dog groomer.



*Note: Program commencement subject to enrolment numbers. Units of Competency are subject to change. Check with your school VET Coordinator regarding costs and if this program is suitable for you. This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding to eligible individuals. All details are accurate at the time of publication.*

