



Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills - S278

Are you passionate about animals? Do you dream of working closely with them and making a real difference in their care and wellbeing? Our Level 2 Animal Management course is the perfect first step towards an exciting and rewarding career in animal care.

You'll gain essential knowledge, skills, and behaviours needed to thrive in a variety of animal-related industries, from veterinary clinics and wildlife rehabilitation centres to zoos and animal shelters. Our on-site animal workshops, home to a diverse range of species, provide hands-on learning experiences that bring your studies to life. Plus, you'll have plenty of opportunities to go on trips and take part in work experience placements, giving you real-world insights and connections within the industry. Whether you're looking to progress onto an apprenticeship, a Level 3 course, or step straight into the world of animal care, this course will set you on the path to success.

COURSE DETAILS

This course is for students who want to progress into a career in the Animal Management/Care sector, with a focus on knowledge, skills and behaviours specific to your future study and jobs

You will have the opportunity to take part in practical activities to develop hands-on experience. Our expert tutors provide dedicated support throughout the course to help you succeed.

Topics covered include:

- Handling and caring for animals
- Theory
- Health
- Animal biology
- Accommodation

ENTRY GUIDELINES

This is a Study Programme for students who are 16-18 years of age.

- You will need 4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above. One of the 4 GCSE's to be Maths or English at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) to study at this level.
- If you have a beginner/Introductory qualification in the subject you want to study and a maths or English GCSE at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) you can study at this level.
- Entry requirements for Level 2 courses in some sectors may be more specific. If you're unsure whether you meet these requirements, don't worry — we can help you find a suitable course that aligns with your skills and experience.

If English is not your first language, you may need an assessment before enrolling on this course. To discuss further, please contact the ESOL department on 0151 551 7144.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Uniform will be required, and this will be discussed at our Welcome Events, Open Evenings and when you enrol. You may be eligible for financial support to help fund the costs of the uniform.

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Assessment for this course includes a combination of practical demonstrations, written assignments, and external examinations. You will also complete work-based projects to apply your learning in real-world settings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students on this course gain valuable insights through guest lectures from industry professionals and educational visits to key animal care facilities, enhancing their learning with real-world experience.

WHERE CAN I PROGRESS TO?

After completing this course, you can progress to higher-level study in animal management or related fields. Career opportunities include roles such as animal care assistant, zookeeper, or veterinary support assistant.

WHEN DOES THIS COURSE RUN?

CAMPUS	ATTENDANCE	COURSE CODE	PLANNED TIME TABLE
	Full Time	S278Q001	
<p>If you are aged 16-18:</p> <p>This study programme will be FREE for most students who are aged 16-18 on 31 August, or students aged 19-24 with an Education, Health & Care Plan.</p> <p>If you are aged 19 or over:</p>			

For advice and guidance, please contact Student Services via our [online enquiry form](#)

This information was current on 01st July, 2025 and may be subject to change.