

Certificate II in Animal Studies

COURSE OUTLINE

Training Provider:	Box Hill Institute (RTO: 4687)
Course Code:	ACM20117
Location:	Mt Eliza Secondary College
Duration:	2 Year program
Time:	(1st year) Wednesday 1:30 – 4:00pm (2nd year) Wednesday 4:15pm - 7:00pm
Cost:	Please see your VET Coordinator for cost details.



Description: (New Training package in 2022 TBA)

The aim of the course is to provide the basic skills and knowledge to become an animal carer. You will learn how to care for a variety of animals and provide information on companion animals, products and services. You will gain the practical skills and basic knowledge you need for entry-level work in the animal care industry. You will learn how to assist with general animal care, provide food and water for animals and follow occupational health and safety procedures in the workplace. You will undertake work in our animal facility throughout the year giving you the opportunity to work with mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, fish and reptiles. You will also have dogs and cats regularly attend class for practical training. This course involves both practical and written assessments and students will be required to complete work at home between classes. This course may provide you with entry level employment in animal rescue centres, pet retail shops, welfare organisations and veterinary clinics, etc.

Contribution to the VCE/VCAL:

On successful completion of this program, you will be eligible for: recognition of up to two units at Units 1 and 2 level and a Units 3 and 4 sequence. Students who receive a Units 3 and 4 sequence for ACM20117 – Certificate II in Animal Studies will be eligible for an increment towards their ATAR. (10% of the lowest study score of the primary four). The increment is awarded by the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Further information on the ATAR can be found on the VTAC website: www.vtac.edu.au

The VCE VET Animal Studies program does not offer scored assessment.

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Sample Units of Study: (New Training Package in 2022) TBA of changes

Year 1:

ACMGAS201	Work in the animal care industry
ACMGAS202	Participate in workplace communications
ACMGAS203	Complete animal care hygiene routines
ACMGAS204	Feed and water animals
ACMGAS205	Assist in health care of animals
ACMWS201	Participate in workplace health and safety
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

Year 2:

ACMSPE310	Provide basic care of mammals
ACMGAS209	Provide information on companion animals, products and services
ACMGAS206	Provide basic first aid for animals
ACMGAS208	Source Information for animal care needs
ACMGAS302	Provide enrichment for animals

What to bring: Students are required to wear appropriate clothes and footwear for working with animals in a farm environment.

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

This course requires students to undertake 80 hours of Structured Workplace Learning, 40 hours each year. This provides the opportunity for students to demonstrate competencies acquired on-the-job.

Further Study:

Certificate III in Captive Animals
 Certificate III in Animal Studies
 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
 Diploma of Animal Technology
 Companion Animal Trainer / behaviourist

Please note: *These details are subject to change and will require confirmation by the Registered Training Provider or TAFE.*

VET enrolments are processed through secondary school VET Coordinators. If you are interested in completing this program, please contact your school VET Coordinator.

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