



ACM20117 Certificate II in Animal Studies

This program provides students with the knowledge and skills to enter the animal care and management industry.

National or State Accreditation

National

Course Aims

This program covers 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 (Zoo keeping 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 are highly recommended to undertake five days of Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) a year to enable them to gain industry experience.

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.

Cluster Provider

The Gordon Institute of TAFE
Training to be delivered in Ballarat

Registered Training Organisation

The Gordon Institute of TAFE

RTO Code

3044

Program Length

2 years

Day and Time

1st year – Thursday 1.45pm to 5.00pm

2nd year – Tuesday 1.45pm to 5.00pm

Program Material Costs (approximate only)

1st year – \$130

2nd year – \$130

Structured Workplace Learning

Strongly recommended – 80 hrs minimum over total program

Outcomes

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

Enrolment Type

VES

1st year Units of Competency

ACMGAS201	Work in the animal care industry
ACMGAS202	Participate in workplace communications
ACMWHS201	Participate in workplace health and safety processes
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
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
ACMSPE305	Provide basic care of domestic cats
ACMGAS203	Complete animal care hygiene routines
ACMGAS204	Feed and water animals
ACMGAS302	Provide enrichment for animals