

Animal Care Certificate



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If you ask anyone why they want to study animals, the chances are that it is because they love them and want to work with them! If this is you, then this course could be the ideal first step into your career in the animal care industry.

Our specially designed animal husbandry school is set in the beautiful grounds of Bicton, boasting an impressive collection of animals, with over 150 different species.

This course gives you experience and confidence with working with a range of domestic and exotic species, you will get to study and work alongside an array of animals from lemurs and coatis, to llamas and snakes.

Health checking, nutrition, preparing accommodation and even dissections are just some of the essential skills you will learn as you progress through this one year course.

As a level 2 Course, it is ideal should your GCSE results not be what you expected, or if you prefer a course with a mixture of assignments, practical and exam based assessments. This is also the best option for progressing onto the level 3 course. You will be learning from our experienced lecturers and technical staff, who have worked in the industry before and can pass on the skills to help you pursue your career in the animal care industry.

Caring for animals is an extremely fulfilling and rewarding career. From working in kennels and catteries, pet shops or rescue centres, there are a wide range of careers available on completion of this course.

As part of your course, you will be required to carry out work experience in an animal care establishment of your choice, giving you 'real life' experience of what it takes to work in the industry, as well as being able to enjoy visits to local zoos and wildlife parks.



Scan the QR Code for full course description, assessment and progression options from this course



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for external applicants and school leavers

- Three or more GCSEs including English and/or maths at grade 4, or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification and English and/or maths at grade 4 or equivalent.



Entry requirements for existing learners with the Cornwall College Group

- Successful completion of previous course and maths and/or English GCSE at grade 4 or above and the other at grade 3 or above.

Please note: Some of our courses may have extra entry requirements or need a bit more information, like evidence or experience. Don't worry - we'll guide you through everything when you apply!



LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Bicton College - 7 September 2026



LEVEL

Level 2

DURATION

1 Year

ATTENDANCE

Full-time

FEES

Tuition Fees: £1709.00
FREE for school leavers*

Fees apply to adults and HE students only. Only the most common fees scenario is shown. Actual fees may vary depending on your personal situation. Please contact us for further information. Courses listed on this website are indicative of the subject, nature and level of study. The College reserves the right to alter specific qualifications titles, awarding bodies and levels of qualification, which can change in year. Any cost may also vary, based on personal funding eligibility. The Cornwall College Group reserves the right to withdraw any course listed at any time.



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