

Animal Care Level 2

What can I look forward to in my first year?

In addition to looking after the animals in the Animal Centre, we will hopefully be able to visit Blackpool Zoo, Chester Zoo, Knowsley Safari Park and Acorn Farm this academic year. Each of the trips will relate to a specific aspect of your qualification and are designed to enhance the learning experience. The price for each trip will be a combination of the travel and entry fees for each establishment and must be paid for well before we go.

What will happen in my first week?

During **induction** you will meet all the Animal Care team and be introduced to your animals. We will show you around the college and make you aware of all college student services and facilities. You will also receive your personalised timetable so that you know exactly what the coming weeks will entail and where your lessons will take place. Hopefully this will help you to settle in once you start lessons the following week.

Which modules will I study in my first term?

Unit 4 – Animal Welfare

Unit 5 – Animal Behaviour

Unit 2 – Animal Biology and Health



Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

A good general textbook for this course is Animal Biology and Care, 3rd Edition, (ISBN: 978-1-118-27604-4) by Sue Dallas. The LRC does have several copies of this for use within the college.

What will my timetable look like?

You will be timetabled for the full week and expected to be in college for around 4 days a week. During that time, you will spend around 30% of the time the Animal Centre where you will be developing the practical skills to prepare you for work in the animal care sector.

An integral aspect of your qualification is work experience and this will form part of your timetable from week 1, so it is crucial that you start looking for the right placement straight away so that you have sufficient time to complete the required hours (no less than 50 hours). We have a dedicated Work Placement Officer for Animal Management who will support you and monitor your progress.

You will also have a tutorial session with your Personal Tutor who will help you through your qualification, whilst the remaining time will be spent in the classroom learning the theory behind the subject and preparing for and working on your assignments. In addition to this you will be allocated extended learning time on your timetable. You must use this time to complete homework, recap past lessons and carry out projects and enrichment activities.

Do I need to buy any equipment or kit?

You will be required to purchase uniform to enable you to carry out practical work with the animals. The supplier is 'Macron', who will be available at enrolment to show size samples and take orders. In addition to this we recommend that you have wellies and a waterproof for working off site and in our stables

