Animal Care

Animal Care (Practical Skills) Level 3 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This one year study programme starts in September 2024.

Entry Requirements

- Pass in a Level 2 Animal Care related qualification.
- Level 1 Functional Skills in English and Maths.

You will achieve

Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills (Animal Care and Welfare).

Course Overview

There's a common saying that you should never work with animals. Try telling that to a Penguinologist...

Whether you've got a passion for your penguins, you're crazy about your cats or you have an almost unhealthy love of llamas, working with animals could be the perfect career move for you. Key skills include being confident handling animals, patience, and a willingness to get your hands dirty. Being good at belly rubs and the ability to scratch behind ears are also desirable. Barnsley College has it's very own farm! Set in the Worsbrough Country Park area of Barnsley, Wigfield Farm has three main functions:

· A working farm producing livestock

· A base for Barnsley College land-based courses

· An open farm and visitors centre accessible to the local and wider community

Although farm staff are employed, the day to day work of the farm is undertaken by students following one of our many programmes of study. We have a wide range of animals including chickens, cows, donkeys, goats, guinea pigs, llamas, meerkats, pigs, rabbits, sheep, as well as a rodent room. Our students take a walk on the wild side in our exotics room where they care for and study a variety of reptiles. This course is ideal if you are interested in a career working with animals, introducing the main principles and practices of animal care and welfare.

Course Content

Based at our Wigfield Farm campus, this one year study programme is for learners who wish to improve their practical skills and knowledge of the care and welfare for a variety of animals and prepare themselves to work in this interesting industry.

You will further develop the skills and knowledge required to work or study within the animal care industry.

The areas of study are:

- Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals
- Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security of the workplace
- Plan the handling and restraint of animals
- Plan, supervise and control the movement of animals
- Plan the accommodation of animals
- Establish animals in a new environment
- Manage the care of young animals
- Handle animals
- Work experience

How will I be assessed?

You will complete a portfolio of practical and written evidence that shows achievement of all relevant learning outcomes. Assessment is pass/fail only.

What Equipment Will I Need?

All learners on land-based programmes are required to wear standard uniform and also PPE for practical work in the form of steel toe capped boots and overalls.

Where will I study?

Wigfield Farm
Haverlands Lane
Barnsley
S70 5NQ

What can I do next?

Students who achieve this qualification could progress in to employment or further study. The course does not carry any UCAS points.

Beyond College, there are many opportunities such as trainee veterinary nurse (further study required), pet shop supervisor, senior kennel worker, RSPCA.

See what careers are available in the Animal Management [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/page0014-1.pdf] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=&region=Barnsley] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

There is no adult funding for 19+ students.

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk] . about eligibility and how to apply. You can also visit the Advanced Learner Loan [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/paying-for-your-course/advanced-learner-loans/] page.

Contact the Information Unit

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Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't already have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths they will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards higher grades in English and Maths we can help you do that too.

Need a higher level Maths qualification? We offer a Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths).

This can be added to your study programme.

If you need any further information, please contact our friendly Information Team.

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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