

Animal Care

Animal Care (Practical Skills) Level 1 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date

This one year course starts in September 2024. This is a full-time course that runs during the day.

Entry Requirements

- Two GCCSEs at grade 2 or above, one must be English.

If you don't currently meet these entry requirements, you maybe able to study a [Level 1 Foundation Learning course](#).

You will achieve

ABC Level 1 Diploma in Practical Animal Care Skills.

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. This gives them a real working environment to develop their skills and knowledge. 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 develop practical skills in the care and welfare of a variety of animals and prepare themselves to work in this interesting industry.

The areas of study are:

- Feeding and watering animals
- Preparing animal accommodation
- Handling and restraint of animals
- Maintain health and wellbeing of animals
- Safe and effective working practices in land based studies
- Animals in the wild and in society
- 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?

There are several opportunities available, one of which is to carry on studying for a Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care skills. Beyond College, there are many opportunities such as groomer, veterinary assistant, equine or stable work, kennel worker or pet shop assistant.

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=®ion=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

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

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

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/our-departments/sport/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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