

Certificate II in Animal Care

VETDSS High School Program

Study Animal Care while still at school



Course overview

- Nationally recognised animal care qualification
- For Years 10–12 high school students
- Study alongside your school program
- Workplace Practical Training Pathway at Landsdale Farm or Flexible Online Pathway
- Gain hands on experience caring for animals
- Pathway into future animal care careers

What you'll learn

- Safe handling and care of a range of animals
- Understanding animal behaviour and body language
- Low stress handling techniques and animal welfare
- Workplace safety and hygiene practices
- Communication skills for animal care environments
- Basic animal health care and enrichment
- Observing animal behaviour for health and wellbeing

Choose your study mode

Online (Australia)	Online Funded (WA Only)	Face-to-face (Perth only)
\$2,845	\$0* 	\$0* 
• Yrs 10-12 high-school aged students • Anywhere in Australia[^] • Flexible • Work placement arranged by you	• WA students in Years 10–12 attending high school • Flexible online learning completed throughout the week • Work placement arranged by you	• Years 10–12 attending high school • Workplace practical training at Landsdale Farm 1 day per week • 5 hours per week of flexible online learning completed outside training days • No work placement required
Up to 1 year	Up to 1 year	Complete in 2 school terms

[^] Students require access to a work placement.

* Subsidised by Jobs and Skills WA for eligible high school students in WA. Funded places are subject to eligibility and availability. Student tuition fees are indicative only and are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment.

Entry requirements

The great news is, there are no prerequisites for this course however students will need to:

- Be years 10–12 high school students
- Complete an LLND quiz
- Have computer + internet access
- Have basic English skills
- Be physically able to handle animals

Practical training

Online students

- Approx. 100 hours (actual hours required may vary, depending on your previous experience, learning style and aptitude) in a work placement arranged by you
- Access to 2+ species

Face-to-face

- Weekly practical training and assessment activities at Landsdale Farm
- Hands-on experience with companion and farm animals



What to expect?

- Complete online learning and assessments
- Attend work placement in animal care
- Work with animals in a hands on, real-world environment
- Follow workplace safety, hygiene and PPE requirements
- Manage your time and study commitments
- Be physically active and comfortable in busy environments

Assessment Types

- Online quizzes and written tasks
- Workplace logbooks and projects
- Video evidence of practical skills
- Supervisor feedback

Course content

Students will complete the following units:

ACMWH201	Participate in workplace health & safety processes
ACMGEN202	Complete animal care hygiene routines
BSBCMM211	Apply communication skills
ACMGEN203	Feed & water animals
ACMGEN204	Assist in health care of animals
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMGEN201	Work in the animal care industry
ACMINF201	Handle companion animals safely and follow infection control guidelines
ACMGEN205	Source and provide information for animal care needs
ACMGEN102	Approach and handle a range of calm animals
ACMGEN309	Provide basic animal first aid
ACMGEN311	Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing

Support

Support for Students & Schools

- AVT Trainers and Student Support
- Progress tracking and reporting
- Support for VET Coordinators
- Ongoing communication throughout the course

Funding



- Funded places available for eligible WA students*
- Must be attending a WA high school
- Places are limited and eligibility criteria apply
- See the [Jobs and Skills WA Fact Sheet](#) on our website for more information

How to apply

1. Discuss the course with a parent/guardian and the VET Coordinator at school
2. Visit our website to submit an application form

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