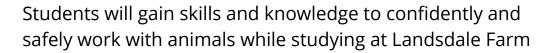


ACM20121

Certificate II in Animal Care

VETDSS On-site Course - Careerlink





Course overview

Duration: Three terms, 1 day per week **Compulsory course commencement day:**

Tue 2 Dec 2025

Term dates:

- **Term 1:** Tue 10 Feb Tue 31 Mar 2026
- Break: Fri 3 Apr Mon 27 April 2026
- **Term 2:** Tue 28 Apr Tue 29 Jun 2026
- **Break:** Mon 6 Jul Fri 17 Jul 2026
- **Term 3:** Tues 21 Jul Tue 22 Sep 2026

Where: Landsdale Farm, Darch WA

Best suited to: Years 11 – 12 high school aged students who are passionate about a career working with animals

Course fees: This program is a Jobs and Skills WA VETDSS funded course, as such eligible students are exempt from course and resource fees*







*Fees subject to change. Please visit our website or speak to AVT's Student Support team for information on eligibility. Funded places are subject to eligibility and availability. Student tuition fees are indicative only and are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment.

Practical training & course structure

Workplace learning will be undertaken at Landsdale Farm. Students will:

- Gain hands-on skills working with a range of companion and farm animals.
- Train in a nurturing environment alongside other like-minded high school students.
- Be in a safe environment supervised by AVT Trainers and Assessors who have working with children checks.

Students are not required to find a work placement for additional training or experience

This course been assessed as appropriate for inclusion on the Department of Training and Workforce Development's VET delivered to Secondary Schools funded list 2025.

Students attend weekly classes and hands-on training at Landsdale Farm in Darch, WA, covering workplace safety, animal handling, care, feeding, first aid and behaviour. The course combines theory and practice to prepare students for the animal care industry.



What to expect?

Essential Requirements

Throughout this course, students will need to:

- Collaborate in group settings using both verbal and non-verbal communication.
- Effectively communicate with peers and Trainer and Assessor.
- Follow written and verbal instructions accurately.
- Engage in group activities and practical assessments alongside peers.
- Complete workplace documentation using industryspecific language.
- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including steel toe-capped boots, gloves and sun protection.
- Work within an animal care facility, handling and caring for various species. This environment by its nature will expose students to potential allergens.
- Adhere to hygiene protocols to ensure animal health, which may involve contact with animal waste such as uneaten food, urine, faeces, soiled bedding and enrichment items.

Environmental Requirements

In this course, students will:

- Attend classes with a maximum of 24 students.
- Work outdoors, exposed to various weather conditions
- Encounter moderate levels of noise, including animal sounds, the general public and farm machinery.
- Be physically capable of lifting equipment, and standing or walking for extended periods.

Assessment Types

Students will be assessed on their skills and knowledge in various ways, including:

 Written answers, online assessments and tests, multiple choice questions, presentations, verbal questioning and practical tasks visually assessed by Trainer and Assessors.

Entry requirements

Students will need to:

- Have a reliable internet connection and laptop
- Complete a supervised Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills (LLND) quiz
- Be physically capable of restraining animals, handling animal feed e.g. large bags of food of up to 10kg and standing for extended periods of time

Compulsory uniform

We want to ensure students won't be afraid to get a little messy whilst participating in hands-on training. That's why students will wear a uniform on-site each week including:

- AVT shirt, hat and name badge (provided)
- Long comfortable work pants (supplied by student)
- Steel-capped shoes (supplied by student)

This certificate meets the prerequisite for ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

Course content

Students will complete the following units:

ACMWHS201 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

ACMGEN103 Assist in the care of animals

ACMGEN205 Source and provide information for animal

care needs

ACMGEN102 Approach and handle a range of

calm animals

ACMGEN309 Provide basic animal first aid

Why AVT?



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