

Certificate II in Animal Care (VDSS)

COURSE CODE: ACM20121

Description:

Are you passionate about working with animals and looking to turn that passion into a career? This course is the perfect entry point into the animal care industry, providing the foundational knowledge and hands-on skills to care for a wide range of companion animals. The program is highly recommended for those who take a keen interest in the welfare and well-being of animals. Providing participants with an introduction to the animal care and management industry.

You will learn things like:

- How to work safely and responsibly in the companion animal industry
- Providing daily care for a variety of animals, including feeding, grooming, and enrichment
- Support animal health and welfare through basic hygiene, handling, and observation techniques
- Communicate effectively with clients and colleagues in a professional setting
- Apply workplace health and safety practices in animal care environments
- Work in the animal care industry

Does this sound like you:

- Have a strong sense of compassion and empathy toward animals
- Display a genuine interest in animal welfare
- Be patient, observant, and responsible
- Understand that animal care often requires dedication, routine, and the ability to respond calmly in unpredictable situations.
- Be physically active
- Not be deterred by hands-on tasks, such as cleaning, feeding, and handling animals in varied environments.
- Possess good communication skills to interact effectively with pet owners, team members, and professionals,
- Display a willingness to learn about animal health, behavior, and safety practices.

INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF PUBLICATION .
Please check details with nominated RTO prior to enrolment.

Venue & RTO:

RTO	Location	Delivery
GOTAFE (RTO : 3094).	Tone Rd, Wangaratta	Online with compulsory practical skills workshops & Mandatory 40 hours Structured Workplace Learning
Kangan Institute (RTO : 3077).	Broadmeadows	1st year: Wednesday: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm; 2nd year: Wednesday 9am-1pm
Melbourne Polytechnic (RTO : 3075).	Epping	Year 1 – Wednesday 1:00pm – 4:30pm Year 2 – Thursday 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Box Hill Institute (RTO : 4687).	Box Hill, Lilydale & City	Wednesday: 9am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-5pm (Box Hill & Lilydale); 1:30-5pm (City); Friday 9:30am-1pm (City year 1 only)
Velisha Education Group (RTO : 45732).	*Assumption College Kilmore	Wednesday all day

*Please contact host school for further information

Fees:

Your school VET Coordinator can advise on fees

Course Length:

1 to 2 years depending on provider and unit selection

How to apply:

Speak to your school's VET Coordinator and complete the VDSS application form. Placement is subject to availability and school approval.

Qualification and Recognition:

- This program provides recognition of VCE VET credit. Students undertaking ACM20121 Certificate II in Animal Care are eligible for up to three VCE VET units at Units 1 and 2 level and a VCE VET Units 3 and 4 sequence on their VCE, VCE VM, or VPC statement of results. Scored assessment is not offered
- Entry into registered apprenticeships or TAFE programs

Career Opportunities:

Entry level positions in various animal care settings,

- Animal shelters
- Veterinary clinics
- Pet grooming services
- Wildlife care facilities.