Animal Care and Land-based Industries

Animal Management

Campus: Dearne Valley College
Code: D10SP05
Level: 3

About This Course

Our Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Animal Management is for learners who are intending to gain employment directly, or progress to an Apprenticeship or a higher level Animal Management qualification.

It is equivalent to 1 and ½ ‘A’ levels. This course will allow you to progress onto the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Animal Management (2nd Year) and equip you with the equivalent of 3 A-Levels in 2 years allowing further progression to University or position you well to move into the animal industry directly from its completion.

What Will I Study?

You will study a range of topics including:

- Animal biology
- Animal welfare and ethics
- Practical animal husbandry
- Animal behaviour
- Animal health and diseases
- Work experience in the animal sector

Plus one other specialist unit.

Why Study Here?

Do you want to explore specialist sectors in the Animal Care Industry? Then this is the course for you!

The course is designed to ensure that it is appropriate both for those interested in working in the animal sector and those interested in progressing to specialist animal related degrees.

Learn from industry-experienced and well-qualified tutors who have spent many years in the animal care sector, and have specialist qualifications and knowledge to bring to their teaching.

- Participate in regular work placements to boost your skills
- Take part in cross-cross college events
- Hear from a range of guest speakers e.g. Vet Nurse, Wath Hedgehog Rescue
- Visit the National Horseracing College

Entry Requirements

Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care (plus):

GCSE Level 4 or above in Maths, Science and English.

Or

5 GCSE level 4 or above to include English, Maths and a Science

- Mature learners with related work experience will be evaluated on an individual basis

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk [mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 513333**.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animial Management, as a 1 year ‘top-up’ to gain the equivalent of 3 ‘A’ levels, and then progression to HE.

Tuition Fees

- 16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees

- Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find
  out if you qualify for help with fees.

If you need further
advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on **01709 513333.**

Additional Information

- You may be required to purchase a polo neck t-shirt, hoody, outdoor coat as well as the relevant workbook to support your studies. Boots or Wellingtons are required for Practical sessions. Industry experience:
- During this programme, you will be expected to undertake work experience which will allow you to broaden your knowledge, understanding and skills in practical industry live situations

PLEASE NOTE

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