RISEHOLME COLLEGE

Level 3 in Animal Management with English and Maths

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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Animal Management	Level 3	Full-Time	1-2 years	September 2027

Practical vs Theory



20% 80%

The Course

Are you looking to launch a career within the animal management industry but haven't achieved grade 4 in English and/or Maths? This course is ideal for you. Studying the Level 3 in Animal Management will provide you with a broad range of knowledge and understanding about a wide variety of animals, whilst enabling your progression by developing your employability skills and preparing you for further study. The course will provide you with the basis of academic, technical, and practical skills regarding the care of companion, farm, and exotic animals in various industries, in addition to completing your GCSE Maths and/or English alongside. You will have the exciting opportunity to work with a range of species at our highly prized and industry-relevant Animal Management Centre, including alpaca, reptiles, fish, and more. From meerkats and skunks to hamsters and goats, you will develop animal handling and husbandry skills for each species you work within their specialist environments, building knowledge and learning of animal behaviour, habitat and welfare. You will also have the opportunity to gain vital work experience with local animal businesses to develop industry-specific knowledge and skills, and experience a true taste of the career you have set your sights on. Upgrade and upskill as you progress through your Animal Management course with us. At the end of your first year on your Level 3 programme, you will have the opportunity to complete additional qualifications in animal husbandry and dog walking. These industry-based qualifications will prepare you for life following your College course, offering insight into the world of work and setting your career prospects and experience above others. Please note that the modules may be subject to change.

Course Aims

- To provide you with a broad range of knowledge and understanding about a wide range of animals, whilst enabling your progression by developing your employability skills or preparing you for your year two programme in Animal Management, depending on your career goals. To provide you with the basis of academic, technical, and practical skills regarding the care of

companion, farm, and exotic animals in various industries. To develop your animal handling and husbandry skills with a wide variety species and specialist environments. To give you the opportunity to gain vital work experience with local animal businesses to develop industry-specific knowledge and skills, and experience a true taste of the career you have set your sights on.

What You Will Study

Year 1

- Animal welfare and ethics
- Practical animal husbandry
- Animal behaviour
- Animal health and diseases
- Work experience
- English and/or Maths, as required

Year 2

- Animal biology
- Investigative research project
- Aquatic animal health and husbandry
- Exotic animal husbandry
- Animal grooming
- English and Maths, as required

Entry Requirements

You will need four GCSEs at grade 4 or equivalent, including Science, or a relevant BTEC Level 2 / First Diploma or equivalent*. A satisfactory academic reference is also needed.

*If you have four GCSEs at grade 4 but not Science you will be offered Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care and will then move to the Level 3 course following successful completion of the Level 2.

Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through a mixture of theory and practical sessions, including presentations, group work, and independent research.

Time Required on Campus

You will normally be in college three days a week. You should dedicate time outside of college to revision and assignments.

Work Experience

You will complete a minimum of 75 practical hours with an external work placement each year.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through external exams, practical work, theory assignments, reports, posters, presentations and lab experiments. Upon completion of the course you will be graded Pass, Merit or Distinction

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- Folder with dividers to organise your work and assignments
- Stationery including notepad for use in class, pens and pencils
- College-branded white laboratory coat (unless otherwise informed)

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – including steel toe capped footwear (boots, shoes, or wellies)
- Waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear (for work experience)

Progression

Almost all areas of the animal industry require experience and qualifications. Our Level 3 courses allow you to gain practical work experience in industry, and also collect UCAS points to enable you to move on to a HNC or Foundation Degree which in turn gives you the best start in the industry.

Careers

The practical skills and knowledge that are consolidated throughout the course put you in good stead for joining the animal industry with a strong work ethic and reputation behind you. You will be equipped to seek out a career working in commercial kennels, animal rescue centres, laboratories, veterinary practices, zoos and animal collections or self-employed as a dog walker, pet sitter, dog groomer or running animal parties.

Financial Information

Find the full details of the fees associated with this programme and the financial support available on our https://www.bishopburton.ac.uk/degree-level-courses/information/fees-and-finance.

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