

Animal Care

Animal Care Practical Skills Level 2 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This one year study programme starts in September 2025.

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs at grade 2/3 or above including English and Maths

Or progression from Level 1 Animal Care.

You will achieve

ABC Level 2 Certificate in Practical Animal Care Skills.

Course Overview

At Wigfield Farm [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/campuses/wigfield-farm/>], this one-year program is perfect if you love animals and want to work with them. You'll get to take care of chickens, cows, donkeys, goats, guinea pigs, llamas, meerkats, rabbits, rodents, sheep and more.

Course Highlights:

- Taking care of animal health and wellbeing
- Giving basic animal treatments
- Setting up and maintaining animal homes
- Handling animals
- Preparing and giving animal feed

Join us to get hands-on experience and kickstart your career working with animals!

Course Content

How will I be assessed?

You will complete a portfolio of practical and written evidence that shows achievement of all relevant learning outcomes.

What Equipment Will I Need?

All students on land-based programmes are required to wear standard uniform and also PPE for practical work in the form of steel toe capped boots and overalls.

Where will I study?

Wigfield Farm
Haverlands Lane
Barnsley
S70 5NQ

What can I do next?

There are several opportunities available, one of which is to carry on studying for a Level 3 Certificate in Practical Animal Care skills. Alternatively, you could progress onto the Level 2 or 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care.

Beyond College, there are many opportunities such as groomer, veterinary assistant, equine or stable work, kennel worker or pet shop assistant.

See what careers are available in the Animal Management [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/app/uploads/2023/10/page0014-1.pdf>] sector. Use our online careers tool, Career Coach [<https://barnsley.lightcastcc.com/?radius=®ion=Barnsley>] , to find out what your next steps could be.

How much does the course cost?

16 – 18 year olds

Full-time Barnsley College students aged 16-18 years old do not have to pay tuition fees.

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

Extra information

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and Honeywell Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>] .

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards achieving a higher grade in English and Maths, we can help you do that too and we offer Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) which can be added to your study programme.

If you're aged 19 or above and don't hold a a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths we can help. We offer FREE English and Maths qualifications that can be studied on a part-time basis, subject to eligibility.

If you need any further information, please contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call us on **01226 216 123**