

Animal Care

Animal Management (Advanced Technical Diploma) Level 3 Full-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This two year study programme starts in September 2024.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English, Maths and Science.

You will achieve

Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management.

(A study programme option is still available at Level 3 if you do not achieve a Grade 5 in Maths and Science. This will be discussed with you at interview or enrolment)

Course Overview

There's a common saying that you should never work with animals. Try telling that to a Penguinologist...

Whether you've got a passion for your penguins, you're crazy about your cats or you have an almost unhealthy love of llamas, working with animals could be the perfect career move for you. Key skills include being confident handling animals, patience, and a willingness to get your hands dirty. Being good at belly rubs and the ability to scratch behind ears are also desirable. Barnsley College has its very own farm! Set in the Worsbrough Country Park area of Barnsley, Wigfield Farm has three main functions:

- A working farm producing livestock
- A base for Barnsley College land based courses
- An open farm and visitors centre accessible to the local and wider community

Although farm staff are employed, the day to day work of the farm is undertaken by students following one of our many programmes of study. This gives them a real working environment to develop their skills and knowledge. We have a wide range of animals including chickens, cows,

donkeys, goats, guinea pigs, llamas, meerkats, pigs, rabbits, sheep, as well as a rodent room. Our students take a walk on the wild side in our exotics room where they care for and study a variety of reptiles. This course is ideal if you are interested in a career working with animals, introducing the main principles and practices of animal care and welfare.

Course Content

Based at our Wigfield Farm campus, this two year study programme gives you the opportunity to study a range of specialist technical practical skills giving learners the knowledge that build upon the core skills required. Including how to work safely around animals, be responsible for the planning and carrying out animal health, husbandry, feeding and nutrition.

Course themes:

- Animal behaviour and communication
- Wildlife and ecology conservation
- Farm livestock husbandry and welfare
- Exotic animal health and husbandry
- Business management in the landbased sector
- Undertake estate skills
- Animal feeding and nutrition
- Biological systems of animals
- Animal welfare and breeding
- Wildlife management and rehabilitation
- Animal nursing
- Zoological collections

How will I be assessed?

- Two externally set assignments
- Two externally set and marked exams, sat under examination conditions
- Internally set assignments
- A portfolio of evidence

What Equipment Will I Need?

All learners 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 Foundation Degree in Animal Management or other animal related degree. Barnsley College Higher Education offers the following course:<https://universitycampus.barnsley.ac.uk/course/animal-management-fd-ft/> [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/animal-management-fdsc/>]

Beyond College, there are many opportunities such as RSPCA, veterinary nurse, customs dog handler, equine or stable work, animal behaviourist, zoo keeper or wildlife officer.

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.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about further education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page '[paying for your course.](#)'

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 +44 (0)1226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>] . about eligibility and how to apply. You can also visit the Advanced Learner Loan [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/courses/paying-for-your-course/advanced-learner-loans/>] page.

Contact the Information Unit

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Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and the 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. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

Disclaimer

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

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