

# Access to Higher Education Diploma in Land-Based Studies - Animal



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Animal Management	Level 3	Full-Time	1 year	September 2026

## Practical vs Theory



## The Course

Access to Higher Education programmes are designed to prepare students aged 19+ to study for a degree. If you're passionate about animals, this is the pathway for you. It will allow you to select specialist modules, such as Animal Management and Behaviour, based on you individual passions. The programme makes full use of the colleges facilities, including our Animal Management Centre.

## What You Will Study

- > Introduction to business
- > Higher Education study skills
- > Organisations, people and products
- > Land-based skills
- > Introduction to science
- > Science of life
- > Bioscience
- > Chemistry
- > Research project
- > Specialist Animal Management modules covering animal science and welfare, management and behaviour

## Entry Requirements

You will need GCSEs in English, Maths and Science at grade 4 or above, or equivalent qualifications, as well as relevant industry experience. You can study English/Maths alongside your course if you don't have these grades.

## Teaching and Learning Approach

You will learn through a mixture of theory and practical sessions on campus at Bishop Burton College.

## Time Required on Campus

This course usually includes three days per week on campus.

## Work Experience

You will undertake practical experience at our Animal Management Centre. You are also encouraged to take part in external work experience to supplement your learning.

## How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through a practical assessment, lab experiments and reports, assignments and presentations/professional discussion.

## Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > College-branded white laboratory coat
- > College-branded blue kennel coat
- > Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including steel toe capped footwear (boots, shoes, or wellies)
- > Waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear (for work experience)
- > Stationery, including paper, pens, pencils and a folder to organise theory work

## Progression

On completion of this course students can progress to a Foundation Degree in Animal Management and Behaviour.

## Careers

Work in a wide range of exciting and diverse careers working with animals, including in zoos, animal sanctuaries, with charities and many more.