

Level 1 in Animal Care



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| Animal Management | Level 1 | Full-Time | 1 year | September 2026 |

Practical vs Theory



The Course

This is a highly practical course that allows you to develop the core skills needed to work with animals within the animal care industry. You will learn how to care for a wide variety of animals at Bishop Burton College's specialist Animal Management Centre. This course features a range of practical and classroom study and will provide you with the skills needed to continue on to the next level of study or go straight into employment.

Course Aims

- > Help you to develop the core skills needed to work with animals within the animal care industry.
- > Equip you to care for a wide variety of animals.
- > Prepare you for the next level of study or to go straight into employment.

What You Will Study

- > Being Organised
- > Developing a Personal Progression Plan
- > Working with Others
- > Researching a Topic
- > Maintain the Health of Animals
- > Aquatic Environments
- > Finding out about the land-based Sector
- > Caring for and Feeding Animals
- > Moving and Accommodating Animals
- > Caring for and Keeping Plants Healthy
- > English and Maths, as required

Entry Requirements

You will need a full Entry Level 3 qualification, or equivalent, as well as 3 GCSEs at grades 1-2, including Maths and English. A passion for the subject and one satisfactory reference are also required.

Teaching and Learning Approach

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

Time Required on Campus

One year full-time, normally in college three days a week.

Work Experience

You will undertake a supervised work placement with a college tutor.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through a mixture of coursework and practical assessments.

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

Progression

You can progress to one of the Level 2 Open Award in Animal Care or Horse Care courses at the college. If you achieve a distinction you may also progress to the BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Animal Care.

Careers

Volunteer or work as a Pet Shop Assistant, Kennels Assistant, Catteries Assistant, and many more.