

Animal Care and Land-based Industries

Transition into Animal and Land Based Study

Campus: Dearne Valley College

Code: D10SP02

Level: 1

About This Course

This course is designed for students with particular interests in animals and would like to learn more about their fascinating lives and also understand how to cultivate the land to provide essential nutrients and living environment for animals.

It is designed to provide you with a wide range of specialist technical knowledge and practical skills to seek employment opportunities in either the land based sector, pet industry, zoo-keeping, wildlife or working with dogs.

You will gain extensive hands-on experience working on the land at Dearne Valley college and woodland areas in addition to caring for a diverse range of animals such as small animals, companions, rodents, and exotic animals.

Your programme will consist of classroom based theoretical learning of the principles of land and animal care in addition to spending time on the animal care unit applying practical skills of animal husbandry.

What Will I Study?

Students will develop knowledge skills and behaviours studying the following:

- Personal Development
- Team Leading Skills
- Team Work
- Communication Skills
- Using and Maintaining Horticultural Hand Tools
- Assist with Animal Accommodation
- Assist with the movement and Handling of Small Animals
- Developing Confidence Working with Animals

Entry Requirements

Four GCSEs Grade 2 or above You must also have evidence of recent tetanus vaccination.

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the **Apply Now** button at the top of this page.

For more information support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk [mailto:learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk] or by calling **01709 513333**.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

On completion of this study programme you will be able to progress onto Level 2 Foundation T Level in Animal Care or Land Based studies.

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