

ANIMAL STUDIES



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POSSIBLE CAREERS

- / Veterinary Nurse
- / Veterinary Chiropractor
- / Practice Manager
- / Veterinary Pharmaceutical Representative
- / Animal Groomer
- / Riding Instructor
- / Stable Hand

STUDY MODE KEY

- Ap** Apprenticeship
- Tr** Traineeship
- Vc** VCAL
- Ft** Full time
- Pt** Part time
- Oc** Off campus

Selected courses are provided to eligible individuals with funds made available by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.

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Working with animals is a rewarding and enriching experience. Whether you're employed as a Veterinary Nurse, Vet, Dog Groomer or equine specialist, if you love animals and want to make a difference to the quality of their lives, a career in animal studies could be perfect for you.

CERTIFICATE II IN ANIMAL STUDIES (ACM20110)^

Delivered at RSPCA Burwood East, this course provides general training for people wanting to work in an animal care industry and pursue further studies in this area.

This intensive course has a large online component. There is an element of customer service, as well as providing information on products and services.

Instruction on daily duties and care will include feeding, maintaining hygiene and housing, grooming, observing and ensuring animal safety and well-being.

Practical work will involve working hands-on with a variety of animals including dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, sheep, guinea pigs, rats, goats, horses, cows and even a goose.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- > have successfully completed Year 10 of education, or equivalent
- > be available to attend classes at the RSPCA East Burwood
- > willing to participate in work placement.

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for employment opportunities such as an animal care or shelter attendant, kennel hand, dog walker, cattery attendant, pet shop attendant or assistant dog groomer.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for entry into one the following courses:

- > Certificate III in Pet Grooming.
- > Certificate III in Animal Studies.
- > Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services.
- > Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

START DATE

Visit rspcavic.org for more information about start dates.

HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

Apply online at rspcavic.org.
Box Hill Institute will administer student enrolment.

LOCATION

Off-campus

DURATION

  15 weeks

^ Students undertaking this course will be enrolled at Box Hill Institute (BHI). The RSPCA Burwood East is contracted by BHI to deliver the training and assessment on BHI's behalf. Upon completion, you will receive certification from Box Hill Institute. Box Hill Institute RTO Code: 4687. RSPCA ABN: 56749449191

CERTIFICATE III IN PET GROOMING (ACM30612)

Tr

This course will provide you with comprehensive training in all basic aspects of pet grooming services. This course includes practical and theory classes in basic animal behaviour, animal hygiene, workplace health and safety processes and infection control techniques, all of which will need to be completed for you to achieve your qualification.

You will gain excellent customer service skills and have the ability to demonstrate a high standards of cleanliness and professionalism.

After successful completion, you will have the necessary skills and knowledge to obtain a position as a pet grooming attendant undertaking salon reception and housekeeping duties as well as bathing, brushing, trimming and other grooming services for domestic pets, usually dogs and in some cases cats.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have:

- › basic communication skills
- › the physical ability to successfully participate in all activities undertaken in the pet grooming industry.

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for a range of employment opportunities in pet retail shops, pet grooming salons, pet boarding facilities, animal rescue centres, animal training facilities and veterinary clinics. With sufficient experience, you may endeavour on to owning and operating your own pet grooming business.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion, you may wish to continue studying in related animal studies courses including the following (credit transfers may apply):

- › Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services.
- › Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing (if employed in a Veterinary Clinic)
- › Diploma of Animal Technology.

START DATE

February and July

HOW TO APPLY

VTAC and direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill, Lilydale

DURATION

Ft 6 months

Pt 12 months

CERTIFICATE III IN CAPTIVE ANIMALS (ACM30310)

Are you currently working as an animal keeper within the captive animal industry and want to further develop your skills and knowledge? This intense Captive Animal course is designed for you.

Whether you are volunteering or in paid employment in the captive industry including zoos, wildlife parks, public aquariums that house captive animals this course will enhance your understanding of the industry.

The course is delivered via a series of compulsory practical workshops throughout the year and completion of assessments through online delivery.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- › have a minimum of one year work experience in an approved captive animal facility
- › have a minimum of 8 hours work placement per week, in either paid or volunteer work in an approved captive animal facility
- › complete an application form and a phone interview

Your application will be assessed and if suitable, you will be invited to attend an interview.

CAREER OUTCOMES

This national qualification may provide you with further employment opportunities within the captive animal industry.

START DATE

February

Recognition of Prior Learning applications can enrol throughout the year.

HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

LOCATION

Lilydale

DURATION

Oc **Pt** Flexible 2-3 years

CERTIFICATE III IN ANIMAL STUDIES (SPECIALISING IN VETERINARY NURSE SKILLS) (ACM30110)

Learn the skills and knowledge needed to work in the veterinary nurse industry to start your path to becoming a qualified veterinary nurse.

Through a combination of classroom learning and practical rotation at our Pets on Elgar veterinary clinic, excursions to Myuna Farm and the RSPCA Discovery Day you will learn animal handling, providing nutritional requirements, infection control, veterinary reception duties, hydrobathing and working safely and sustainably in the animal care industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have:

- > successfully completed year 10 of education or equivalent
- > basic communication skills
- > the physical ability to successfully perform practical work.

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for a range of employment opportunities in the Animal Care Industry including Veterinary Nurse (in training, Animal shelter or welfare attendant, Pet shop retail attendant, Boarding kennel and cattery attendant or Pet Groomer.

STUDY PATHWAYS

You may wish to use your knowledge from this course to apply for placement opportunities as a veterinary nurse and enter into Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, providing other entry requirements are met. You will be credited with up to nine units in the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

Alternative study options may include Certificate IV Companion Animal Services, Diploma of Animal Technology or into a Bachelor Degree at your chosen university.

START DATE

February and July

HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill, Lilydale

DURATION

Ft 12 months

CERTIFICATE III IN ANIMAL STUDIES (ACM30110)

You will learn the basic skills and knowledge of animal care to prepare you for work in the animal industry. This course is designed to give you exposure to the Companion Animal Services industry.

It is recommended you complete a five day work placement component in the animal industry to gain practical experience (optional).

Please note that the course is run on an evening at either Lilydale or the CAE or alternatively it will run one day a week at our Elgar campus.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have:

- > successfully completed year 10 of education or equivalent
- > basic communication skills
- > the physical ability to successfully perform practical work.

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for employment opportunities as an animal attendant in a range of animal care industries, including veterinary clinics, pet shops, grooming salons, boarding kennels and catteries.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for entry into specific industry stream qualifications at Certificate IV or Diploma level that define higher level job functions.

Course options include:

- > Certificate IV Companion Animal Services
- > Diploma of Animal Technology.

START DATE

February and July

HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill, City, Lilydale

DURATION

Ft 12 months

COURTNEY WEST
CERTIFICATE IV IN
VETERINARY NURSING

Courtney West's positive, determined attitude is bringing her career success in her chosen profession of veterinary nursing. She said, "In 2014, a veterinary nurse traineeship was advertised at the Wyndham Veterinary Clinic. At the very first stage of the interview process, the clinic management advised that over 3,000 people had applied for this position.

"After 12 months of relentless effort, desperately trying to gain entry to the industry, receiving multiple rejections, unanswered applications, and completing any training I could in relation to the industry, I somehow beat all odds – all 3,000 of them – and was offered the position."

Courtney's career has progressed substantially in the short time since then and she has worked on a wide range of animals with various conditions. She said, "I've been able to work in all the clinic's different departments, including surgical nursing, consult nursing, hospital nursing and emergency nursing. Nearing the completion of my Certificate IV, I was one of two staff members selected to train to work in the clinic's specialist reproductive department. Not all staff get the opportunity to learn these skills."

Courtney is now a senior veterinary nurse at the clinic and is taking a lead role in reproductive services. She also spends time with animals outside of work acting as a foster carer for Paws and Tails Rehoming, a local cat rescue group. A recent foster project was a nine month old, heavily pregnant kitten that went on to give birth to six kittens. "As I'm sure you can imagine, taking care of seven kittens is quite a bit of work, but it is something I enjoy very much."



CERTIFICATE IV IN VETERINARY NURSING (ACM40412)

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This course provides comprehensive training in all aspects of veterinary nursing.

You will learn how to provide safe and effective animal care, comply with infection control, assist with surgical and anaesthetic procedures and maintain equipment. You will learn how to perform veterinary reception duties, general administrative tasks, clinical pathology procedures and imaging routines.

You will conduct patient admissions and discharges, coordinate veterinary consults and theatre routines, and will learn how to advise clients about nutrition, animal care, grooming and parasite control products.

As a student of this course, you will have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to the UK Animal Studies Tour where you will visit behind the scenes of world class veterinary clinics and other animal care facilities in the UK.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have:

- › successfully completed Year 10, or equivalent
- › a minimum of 15 hours per week of voluntary or paid employment (off campus applicants must have paid employment) as a nurse in a veterinary clinic
- › Complete an Animal Studies - Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing - Application form

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for employment opportunities as a qualified veterinary nurse in private practice or in the animal industry.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for entry into the Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice) at Box Hill Institute.

As a qualified veterinary nurse, you are eligible to undertake the microchipping unit at Box Hill Institute and become an authorised microchipper for dogs and cats.

START DATE

February and July

HOW TO APPLY

VTAC and direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill

DURATION

Ft 2 years

CERTIFICATE IV IN COMPANION ANIMAL SERVICES (ACM40310)

Learn how to provide daily care for animals through nutrition, monitoring health and specific animal related units. You will gain essential communication skills and follow workplace health and safety procedures in an animal care environment.

You have the opportunity to choose an elective stream specialising in Grooming or Behaviour and Training.

You will acquire the practical skills and knowledge required to work in dog training, pet grooming, animal-shelters, boarding kennels, catteries, pet shops and other companion animal organisations.

Take advantage of the work placement in the animal care industry component to gain practical skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course has a significant practical component with a focus of employability skills.

You must:

- › have basic communication skills and physical ability to perform practical work placement in industry
- › supply evidence of current tetanus vaccination
- › have a desire to care for animals.

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for a range of employment opportunities in pet retail, pet grooming salons, pet boarding facilities, retail aquariums, animal rescue centres, animal training facilities and welfare organizations.

This course will also provide you with the foundation skills required in other animal related industries e.g. animal technology and veterinary nursing.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion, you may wish to further study and apply to study Animal Technology or other related animal courses at a higher level.

START DATE

February and July

HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill, Lilydale

DURATION

Ft 12 months

Pt 2+ years

DIPLOMA OF VETERINARY NURSING (GENERAL PRACTICE) (ACM50512)

This course gives qualified experienced veterinary nurses the knowledge and leadership skills to effectively perform the role of a senior veterinary nurse or nursing manager in general practice.

You will learn to manage a leadership role effectively in a veterinary practice, ensuring quality customer service, patient care, team performance, current animal behaviour therapies, in addition to supporting veterinary diagnosis and managing workplace safety and health.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must:

- › be an experienced veterinary nurse currently employed in general veterinary practice
- › have successfully completed the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing with 19 core units from ACM40412, <http://training.gov.au/Training/Details/ACM40412>
- › have a qualified workplace supervisor
- › submit a current resume
- › complete an application form
- › participate in a selection interview.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Employment prospects for diploma qualified veterinary nurses are diverse. After successful completion, you may wish to apply to work as a senior veterinary nurse, veterinary nursing manager or clinic practice manager within general practice or industry.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion of the Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice), you may wish to apply to further study in Practice Management or Animal Science/Bioscience.

START DATE

January


HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill, workplace

DURATION

 18 months

DIPLOMA OF ANIMAL TECHNOLOGY (ACM50110)

You will learn the practical skills and industry knowledge required to work as an Animal Technician in a medical research facility or similar establishment.

You will gain the knowledge on how to ensure the wellbeing of animals, routine animal husbandry, basic non-surgical techniques, the use of anaesthesia in animals and animal breeding.

Take advantage of undertaking work placement at a suitable animal facility to enhance your course experience.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course has a significant practical component with a focus of employability skills.

You must have:

- › completed year 10 of education, or equivalent
- › basic communication skills
- › physical ability to perform practical work placement in industry
- › evidence of current tetanus vaccination
- › a desire to care for animals in a medical research environment.

CAREER OUTCOMES

After successful completion, you may wish to apply for a range of employment opportunities as an Animal Technician in animal facilities associated with major hospitals, universities and biomedical research institutes. Opportunities also exist in other animal related industries e.g. animal welfare, animal training, veterinary nursing, pet shops and animal boarding facilities.

STUDY PATHWAYS

After successful completion, you may wish to apply into the Bachelor of Animal & Veterinary Biosciences at La Trobe University (may be eligible to receive up to 120 credit points towards articulation). Following this degree, you may apply for entry into Veterinary Science or alternative degree based courses.

START DATE

February and July

HOW TO APPLY

VTAC and direct entry

LOCATION

Box Hill, Lilydale

DURATION

Ft 2 years

Pt Length varies

Please note - First year hours are full time and subsequent years are part time.

FOR DETAILED
INFORMATION ON ALL
COURSES, INCLUDING
ASSESSMENT
REQUIREMENTS,
FEES AND UNITS VISIT
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GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL BIOMECHANICAL MEDICINE (22245VIC)

This course was developed by the Animal Biomechanical Professionals Australia (ABPA) to provide experienced Veterinarians, Chiropractors and Osteopaths with the practical skills and knowledge necessary to apply relevant animal biomechanical examination and treatment techniques to animal patients.

You will learn the relevant canine and equine anatomy, biomechanics and neurophysiology. You will also learn how to work safely while applying biomechanical techniques, how to assess and interpret patient response, the importance and incidence of contra-indications to biomechanical care, examination techniques required to determine the need for referral or modification of care, and the safe and effective application of biomechanical assessment and treatment approaches.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You must have one of the following qualifications:

- › Bachelor of Veterinary Science
- › Bachelor of Chiropractic Science
- › Master of Chiropractic
- › Bachelor of Applied Science (Osteopathy).

You must also:

- › be registered to practice your original profession (Veterinary Science, Chiropractic or Osteopathy) in the geographic area in which you practice
- › demonstrate a level of experience with a minimum of 2 years in full time practice
- › have a high degree of physical agility and moderate strength
- › have a command of the English language as well as oral and written communicative skills equivalent to Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 5.

You will be asked to complete an application form and participate in a selection interview.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Completion of this course will enable you to apply for membership of the Animal Biomechanical Practitioners of Australia (ABPA).

Animal Biomechanical Medicine practitioners are generally employed in private practice, either as sole practitioners or within group practices. Chiropractors and Osteopaths often maintain their human practice with an additional animal component.

START DATE

Contact the institute for course start dates.

HOW TO APPLY

Direct entry

LOCATION

Lilydale

DURATION

Ft 2 years

LITERACY & NUMERACY SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Literacy and Numeracy Support (LN Support) program provides eligible students with help to complete their course by focusing on workplace reading, writing, numeracy (maths) and communication skills.

The LN Support program is flexible, and provides support in classrooms and/or in group tutorials and with online activities. Students are enrolled in LN Support program units based on their Core Skills Diagnostic Test. When students have successfully completed these units, they receive a Box Hill Institute Statement of Attainment.

The LN Support Program is nationally accredited course and students use their second government subsidised place for that year. This training is provided to eligible individuals with funds made available by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.



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