Course overview

If you love spending time with cats, dogs, amphibians, fish, and birds, a career in animal services may be perfect for you. Our Certificate III in Companion Animal Services will teach you to care for a wide range of pets, offering crucial assistance to owners, groomers, pet stores and trainers.

You’ll get your fill of adorable animals while learning handling techniques that will make yourself and the animal more comfortable. You’ll be an integral part of any companion animal organisation as you learn to maintain and monitor the health of animals, look after their hygiene, and provide basic care.

This qualification is workplace based. Learners will receive scheduled workplace visits by Animal Studies teachers as well as regular phone calls and emails. The Learner will be required to complete a workplace diary. Each unit of competency has an online component for research and assessments.

Times
Trainees are expected to be employed full time in the workplace.

Career opportunities
- Petshop/aquarium assistant
- Kennel attendant
- Cattery attendant
- Assistant dog trainer
- Petexerciser
- Assistant grooming attendant

Opportunities for further study
After achieving this Qualification, candidates may undertake ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing that defines higher level job functions.

Qualifications and Recognition
Upon successful completion of this course students will be eligible to receive the Certificate III in Companion Animal Services (Traineeship).

Specialist Course Information
N/A

Placement
Whilst the qualification does not specify a workplace requirement, there is a requirement to assess three units of competency in the workplace. It is recommended that the student completes a minimum of 80 hours of work placement in the animal care industry.
Placement is arranged by: Student
Material and Equipment Supplied by Students
Not Applicable

Entry Requirements
Recommended entry requirements

- It is recommended that the student owns or has access to a minimum of two different species of animals throughout the duration of this course, in order to meet their learning needs and support the achievement of assessment outcomes.
- To enter this course individuals must be employed as a trainee in an animal care workplace
- This qualification may be accessed by direct entry, often as a part time or full time traineeship

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
Many TAFE Gippsland courses offer Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). To find out more visit the TAFE Gippsland website or contact us to discuss your options.

Course Cost
For an individual quotation of fees payable and material and equipment fees to be supplied by students, please visit your nearest TAFE Gippsland campus.

VET Student Loans
Not Applicable for this course

Student Services
Student Services offers a range of services designed to meet student's social, emotional and educational needs. Contact Student Services on 1300 133 717.

Enquiries
To find out more, visit the TAFE Gippsland website, or contact TAFE Gippsland to express your interest.

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