

Course Name**Animal Care NVQ Level 1 / BTEC Level
2****Why would I want to study this course?**

An NVQ is an industry designed qualification that is recognised by employers, colleges and higher education. It is assessed in a working environment by experienced members of the profession. You will be supported in school to complete your NVQ diary and portfolio which will record your skills development over the two years. You will also receive key skills and curriculum support. An enthusiastic attitude to learning, good attendance and positive interactions with others are the requirements to be accepted onto, and remain following, an NVQ programme.

What qualification does the course lead to?

Animal Care NVQ Level 1 or BTEC Level 2

What will I study?

These are strongly practical courses, providing a basic introduction into the care of a variety of animals, including reptiles, rodents, exotic animals, as well as farm animals. You will develop skills in safe and effective working practices, care of animals, animal accommodation, animal feeds, as well as the movement and handling of animals. This course is offered at level 2 as well as level 1. Level 2 students will follow a BTEC Extended Certificate in Animal Care, which is equivalent to two GCSEs.

How will I learn?

You will learn practically within the workplace or training environment. You will learn through demonstration, problem solving, observation and trial and error. You will be taught by college or workplace tutors and supported by your school vocational learning mentor. You will be transported from school once a week to the various training locations.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by observation, demonstration and portfolio.

A vocational learning pathway forms part of a student's full Key Stage 4 curriculum. Students follow a combination of GCSE and BTEC programmes of study alongside their National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) which takes up options A and B.