

Course Code & Name:		Certificate II in Animal Studies ACM20117 NB: Delivered over 2 years.
Course Aims:		This is a general qualification for entry into sectors of the animal care and management industry, where workers provide care for animals in workplaces such as animal shelters, kennels, catteries, sanctuaries and veterinary clinics. At this level, work takes place under direct supervision within clearly defined guidelines for work activities. This course is designed to provide you with an understanding of the basic skills and knowledge to enter the Animal Care and Management industry and become an animal carer, animal welfare worker or farm hand. Completion of this course will assist you to make an informed decision regarding pursuing a career within the animal industry.
Course Delivery	Location and Times:	Year 1: Donvale Christian College, 155 Tindals Road, Donvale Wednesday 1:00pm-5:00pm Year 2: Donvale Christian College, 155 Tindals Road, Donvale Wednesday 1:00pm-5:00pm
	Mode of Delivery:	DonChristCol Farm and Classroom based activities
	Duration:	2 years' part time

On successful completion of this program the student will achieve:

Credit towards VCE/VCAL	VCE:	Recognition of up to two units at Units 1 and 2 level and a Units 3 and 4 sequence. ATAR: Students who receive a Units 3 and 4 sequence for ACM20117 Certificate II in Animal Studies will be eligible for an increment towards their ATAR (10% of lowest study score of the primary four). The VCE VET Animal Studies program does not offer scored assessment.
	VCAL:	This program contributes to the Industry Specific Skills Strand of VCAL and may also contribute to the Work Related Skills Strand of VCAL.
	Qualification:	A recognised qualification in: ACM20117 – Certificate II in Animal Studies

Additional Requirements/ Information:	Name of RTO & Provider of Qualification:	Access Skills Australia RTO: 4603
	RTO Student Information:	Please refer to the Mullum VET Cluster website www.mullumvetcluster.com.au for student rights and responsibilities whilst on campus.
	OHS / Personal Protective Equipment:	Students need to purchase steel-capped boots and wear a hat and hard-wearing attire.
	Excursions:	Students may be required to attend a planned Excursions.
	Work Placement:	The VCAA strongly recommends 80 hours of structured workplace learning (SWL) placement over the duration of the program. The College runs a farm which provides options for work placement opportunities through animal exhibitions and experiences in addition to the prescribed Vet training sessions on Wednesdays.
	Other:	Please note this course is subject to change.

Units of Competency:

Year 1: Competencies covered in the first year:

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours	Compulsory / Elective
ACMGAS201	Work in the animal care industry	30	C
ACMWHS201	Participate in workplace health and safety processes	40	C
ACMGAS202	Participate in workplace communications	20	C
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	20	C
ACMGAS203	Complete animal care hygiene routines	30	C
ACMGAS204	Feed and water animals	40	C
Total nominal hours		180	

Year 2: Competencies covered in the second year:

Please note these Year 2 UOCs were completed in 2020 as first year students. Therefore, continuing Year 2 students will complete Year 1 UOCs in 2021.

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours	Compulsory / Elective
ACMGAS205	Assist in health care of animals	40	C
ACMGAS206	Provide basic first aid for animals	30	C
ACMSPE310	Provide basic care of mammals (alpacas/goats) - ongoing	40	E
ACMGAS210	Prepare for and conduct a tour or presentation	30	E
ACMSPE302	Provide basic care of avians (poultry)	40	E
ACMGAS208	Source information for animal care needs	40	E
Total nominal hours		220	

FUTURE PATHWAYS & OPPORTUNITIES	Complementary studies:		
	Pathways:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate III in Animal Studies 	
	Possible Future Career Opportunities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welfare organisation worker Animal Care Attendant Animal Shelter Attendant Animal Rescue Centre worker Farmhand Alpaca Stud 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm Manager Kennel Hand Cattery Attendant Pet shop attendant Assistant Dog groomer



