

Course Code & Name:		Certificate II in Animal Studies ACM20117 NB: Delivered over 1 or 2 years.
Course Aims:		This program provides you with the basic skills and knowledge in order to become an animal carer. You will learn how to care for a variety of animals and provide information on companion animals, products and services. You will gain the practical skills and basic knowledge you need for entry-level work in the animal care industry. You will learn how to assist with general animal care, provide food and water for animals and follow occupational health and safety procedures in the workplace. You will undertake work in our animal facility throughout the year giving you the opportunity to work with mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, fish and reptiles. You will also have dogs and cats regularly attend class for practical training.
Course Delivery	Location and Times:	Year 1: Box Hill Institute, Elgar Campus – 465 Elgar Road, Box Hill Wednesday 9:00am-12:30pm; Wednesday 1:30pm-5:00pm Box Hill Institute, Lilydale Lakeside Campus – 1 Jarlo Drive, Lilydale Wednesday 1:30pm-5:00pm Year 2: Box Hill Institute, Elgar Campus – 465 Elgar Road, Box Hill Wednesday 1:30pm-5:00pm Box Hill Institute, Lilydale Lakeside Campus – 1 Jarlo Drive, Lilydale Wednesday 1:30pm-5:00pm Fast track program: 1 year (1-4 unit sequence) Box Hill Institute, Elgar Campus – 465 Elgar Road, Box Hill Box Hill Institute, Lilydale Lakeside Campus – 1 Jarlo Drive, Lilydale Wednesday 1:30pm – 7:30pm On-line program – Tuesday 4:00pm-7:30pm (Year 1 only in 2021)
	Mode of Delivery:	Classroom based
	Duration:	1 or 2 years' part time

On successful completion of this program the student will achieve:

Credit towards VCE/VCAL	VCE:	Students who complete the VCE VET Animal Studies Program will be eligible for four units' credit towards their VCE, including two units at Units 1 and 2 level, and a Units 3 and 4 sequence. ATAR: This subject does not have a study score and therefore cannot contribute towards the student's primary four. 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 the lowest of the primary four scaled studies). Please note the student must already have English and three other fully scored VCE/VET subjects to create the primary four.
	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:	Box Hill Institute RTO: 4687
	RTO Student Information:	Please refer to http://www.boxhill.edu.au/for-students/student-information/ and www.mullumvetcluster.com.au for student rights and responsibilities whilst on campus.

	OHS / Personal Protective Equipment:	Students must be in Year 10, 11 or 12 to participate in this course. Students must provide a copy of a current tetanus vaccination by emailing it at the time of applying to VEDSS@boxhill.gov.au
	Excursions:	Students may be required to attend a planned Excursions.
	Work Placement:	The VCAA strongly recommends that students undertake a minimum of 80 hours of SWL for the VCE VET Animal Studies program. SWL should be spread across the duration of the training program.
	Other:	Please note this 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
ACMGAS202	Participate in workplace communications	20	C
ACMGAS203	Complete animal care hygiene routines	30	C
ACMGAS204	Feed and water animals	40	C
ACMGAS205	Assist in health care of animals	40	C
ACMWHS201	Participate in workplace health and safety processes	40	C
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	20	C
Total nominal hours		220	

Year 2: Competencies covered in the second year:

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours	Compulsory / Elective
ACMSPE310	Provide basic care of mammals	40	E
ACMGAS209	Provide information on companion animals, products & services	40	E
ACMGAS206	Provide basic first aid for animals	30	C
ACMGAS208	Source information for animal care needs	40	E
ACMGAS302	Provide enrichment for animals	40	E
Total nominal hours		190	

FUTURE PATHWAYS & OPPORTUNITIES	Complementary studies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology 	
	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 Pet shop assistant Pet boarding facilities worker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet grooming services worker Animal rescue centres worker

