

ANIMAL CARE (BTEC)

COURSE DETAILS

Level 2/1 BTEC Certificate

Exam Board Edexcel

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This qualification is a Technical Award equivalent in size to one GCSE. It is designed for students who want to study animal care within their broader Key Stage 4 curriculum.

It provides an introduction to some of the key themes within the industry, enabling students to develop their knowledge and practical technical skills. This course could provide a stepping-stone into employment in this area or provide a suitable qualification to progress to a course of further education on leaving school.

What will the student study as part of this qualification?

The qualification consists of a compulsory core of two units making up 50% of the qualification, and a choice of two (from three) optional units. The core provides the key, underpinning applied knowledge and skills, while the optional units enable students to undertake a range of internally assessed practical activities.

Compulsory Units

Unit 1: Animal Health reflects vital aspects of working with animals in any field of the animal industry. It covers the fundamental knowledge and understanding required for undertaking health assessments alongside the identification of common diseases and disorders and their prevention. The unit also examines common parasites, from transmission to prevention. It is externally assessed.

Unit 2: Animal Handling requires students to approach, handle and restrain animals safely, whilst also becoming familiar with the hazards and risks associated with handling animals. The unit also requires students to learn about industry guidelines, health and safety legislation and animal welfare legislation. It is internally assessed.

Optional Units

The three internally assessed optional units are:

- Unit 3 'Animal Welfare'
- Unit 4 'Animal Housing and Accommodation'
- Unit 5 'Principles of Animal Behaviour'

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