

Course Details:

ACM20121 Certificate II in Animal Care

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 1:15pm-5:15pm

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Year 2: Donvale Christian College, 155 Tindals Road, Donvale. Wednesday 1:15pm-5:15pm

Mode of Delivery: DonChristCol Farm and Classroom based

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Duration: 2 years part time

On successful completion of this program the student will achieve:

Credit towards VCE, VCE VM, VPC and Intermediate VCAL

All VET in school programs contribute units towards VCE and VCE VM. To confirm the number of units and if the program has a scored assessment and therefore a study score, please refer to the following VCCA Get VET resource:

[VCE-VET-program-chart.pdf](#)

Further information can be found on the VTAC website: www.vtac.edu.au and/or www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Qualification: A nationally recognised qualification: **ACM20121 – Certificate II in Animal Care**

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 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: NA

Future Pathways and Opportunities:

Complementary studies:

Pathways:

- Certificate III in Animal Care

Possible Future Career Opportunities:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare Organisation worker • Animal Care Attendant • Animal Shelter Attendant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Rescue Centre worker • Farmhand Alpaca Stud • Farm Manager | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennel Hand • Cattery Attendant • Pet Shop Attendant • Assistant Dog groomer |
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Units of Competency: All students will complete these UOCs over the two years of this course.

Units to be completed in 2024:

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours	Core/Elective
ACMGEN204	Assist in health care of animals	40	C
ACMGEN205	Source and provide information for animal care needs	40	E
ACMGEN309	Provide basic animal first aid	40	E
ACMSPE302	Provide basic care of Avians	40	E
AHCLSK215	Carry out alpaca handling & husbandry operations	40	E
AHCLSK316	Prepare livestock for competition	40	E
Total nominal hours		240	

Units to be completed in 2025:

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours	Core/Elective
ACMGEN201	Work in the animal care industry	30	C
ACMGEN202	Complete animal care hygiene routines	30	C
ACMGEN203	Feed and water animals	40	C
ACMWHS201	Participate in workplace health and safety processes	40	C
ACMSPE302	Provide basic care of Avians	40	E
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	20	C
Total nominal hours		200	

