

Level 1 Skills for Further Learning and Employment (Animal/Equine)



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Subject	Level	Study Mode	Duration	Start Date
Equine	Level 1	Full-Time	1 year	September 2025

The Course

This is a highly practical course that allows you to develop the core skills needed to work with animals and horses within the animal care industry. You will be working on the colleges specialist Animal Management Centre as well as our Equine yard, learning how to care for a wide variety of animals and horses. This course features a range of practical and classroom study and will provide you with the skills needed to continue on to the next level of study or go straight into employment.

What You Will Study

- > Preparing and storing feed
- > Care of animals
- > Maintaining and cleaning accommodation
- > Grooming and washing horses
- > Stable duties
- > Feeding and watering horses
- > Health and safety
- > Work-based placement
- > Developing your interpersonal skills
- > Teamwork skills
- > Healthy living
- > Industry experience
- > Preparing for work and developing your self esteem
- > English and Maths, as required

Entry Requirements

You will need a full Entry Level 3 qualification, or equivalent, as well as 3 GCSEs at grades 1, including Maths and English. A passion for the subject and one satisfactory reference are also required.

Work Experience

You will undertake internal work experience on our animal unit.

How You're Assessed

You will be assessed through coursework and practical assessments.

Clothing, Equipment and Additional Costs

- > Folder with dividers to organise your work and assignments
- > Stationery including notepad for use in class, pens and pencils
- > College-branded blue kennel coat
- > Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including steel toe capped footwear (boots, shoes, or wellies)
- > Waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear (for work experience).

Progression

Students can progress to one of the Level 2 Animal Care or Horse Care courses at the college.

Careers

Work as a Pet Shop Assistant, Kennels Assistant, Catteries Assistant, stable hand, Volunteering and many more.