Course overview

If you love spending time with cats, dogs, amphibians, fish, and birds, a career in animal services may be perfect for you. Our Certificate III in Companion Animal Services will teach you to care for a wide range of pets, offering crucial assistance to owners, groomers, pet stores and trainers.

You’ll get your fill of adorable animals while learning handling techniques that will make yourself and the animal more comfortable. You’ll be an integral part of any companion animal organisation as you learn to maintain and monitor the health of animals, look after their hygiene, and provide basic care.

It is highly recommended that students in this course work or volunteer in a companion animal organisation while they finish their studies. Get hands-on and theoretical experience while you turn your passion for animals into a career.

This course is delivered with a combination of online and on campus workshops.

Times

Class time commences at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm on days scheduled for delivery.

Career opportunities

- Pet shop/aquarium assistant
- Kennel attendant
- Cattery attendant
- Assistant dog trainer
- Pet exerciser
- Assistant grooming attendant

Opportunities for further study

After achieving this Qualification, candidates may undertake ACM40317 Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services that defines higher level job functions.

Qualifications and Recognition

Upon successful completion of this course students will be eligible to receive the Certificate III in Companion Animal Services.

Specialist Course Information

N/A

Placement

60 hours of placement is required for this qualification. Placement is arranged by: Student
Material and Equipment Supplied by Students

- Placement Diary
- Polo shirt
- Learner guide (printing)
- Melbourne Zoo excursion
- RSPCA excursion
- Healsville Sanctuary excursion

Entry Requirements

- Students must be at least 16 years of age.
- Students are required to undertake a literacy and numeracy assessment.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
Many Federation Training courses offer Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). To find out more visit the Federation Training website or contact us to discuss your options.

Course Cost
For an individual quotation of fees payable and material and equipment fees to be supplied by students, please visit your nearest Federation Training campus.

VET Student Loans
Not Applicable for this course

Student Services
Student Services offers a range of services designed to meet student’s social, emotional and educational needs. Contact Student Services on 1300 133 717.

Enquiries
To find out more, visit the Federation Training website, or contact Federation Training to express your interest.

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