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## Certificate II in Animal Studies

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**Opens career doors.** Our industry relationships lead many students directly into work with a range of employers including agencies, studios, galleries and fashion houses.



**Global prospects.** TAFE NSW graduates possess the technical knowledge, creative-thinking and specialised skills that are highly sought after by employers around the world.



**State-of-the-art facilities.** Purpose-built creative studios and industry standard software mean you will master the same tools of the trade as leading professionals.



**Industry exposure.** TAFE NSW partners with industry to provide you with hands-on experience through networking, sponsor programs, competitions, talks, lectures and other creative industry events.



**Recognised and respected.** TAFE NSW has built its reputation on delivering trusted, industry aligned and nationally recognised training for over 130 years.

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Qualification Level	Certificate II
Study Type	Part Time Day
Course Start Date	Enquire Now
Hours Per Week	21.6
Duration	20 Weeks
Delivery Locations	Lithgow
Course Fees	<p><b>Subsidised Prices</b>            First Qualification: \$1,120.00            Second Qualification: \$1,340.00            Traineeship: \$1,000.00            You may be eligible for the NSW Smart &amp; Skilled <b>Fee Free</b> Traineeship which will be verified at enrolment.            Concession: \$160.00</p> <p><b>Non-subsidised Prices</b>            Full Fee: \$4,200.00</p>
Course Features	Nationally Recognised Training Traineeship Allowed This training is subsidised by the NSW Government

## Course Description

Take the nationally accredited Certificate II in Animal Studies and start your career as a pet groomer or animal attendant in animal shelter or veterinary clinic. Turn your passion for animals into a career as you gain practical skills and build industry relationships.

### LEARN NEW SKILLS

Through theoretical and practical course work, you will learn to:

- Provide care to a range of animals
- Monitor and maintain animal health
- Practice hygiene and infection control
- Respond to expectations of pet owners
- Understand what is required in running a small companion animal business

### DEVELOP YOUR TALENT

Develop the personal qualities that will help you get ahead:

- Calm and empathetic nature
- Ability to follow directions and work independently
- Good communication skills
- A reasonable level of fitness to safely handle animals and manual lifting

### ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

Completing this course will provide you with:

- A nationally recognised qualification at Certificate II level
- Strong foundation to continue your studies

#### **Career opportunities:**

- Pet groomer
- Animal attendant

#### **GROW YOUR CAREER**

Take your career further:

- Certificate III Animal Studies
- Certificate III Companion Animal Services
- Certificate III Pet Grooming
- Certificate III Captive Animals
- Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing
- Certificate IV Companion Animal Services

#### **INDUSTRY DEMAND**

Demand for animal care workers is booming with growth driven by consumer expectations on how their furry companion should be cared for. These greater expectations is leading to employers to need workers who are qualified and experienced. The animal care field is broad and highly competitive. The course equips you with diverse range of skills to put you ahead of the pack in a skills shortage climate. It is also the official pre-requisite for the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

## **Entry Requirements**

When you study with TAFE NSW, we want you to succeed. Entry requirements allow us to make sure that you have the right pre-existing knowledge and skills to achieve your chosen qualification. You will need to provide evidence that you meet the requirements listed in this section.

#### **TRAINING PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS**

There are no Training Package entry requirements for this qualification.

#### **TAFE NSW REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for this course, you must:

- Have access to an animal care facility where you can gain hands-on skills
- In some areas across NSW this course is in high demand. Depending on your campus location, you may need to go through an application process to secure your position.

#### **LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification.

#### **WORK PLACEMENT**

At TAFE NSW we provide training that includes hands-on, practical experience. Work placement ensures you have the job ready skills to achieve competency in this course.

Depending on your location, you must secure a minimum of one day or 8 hours of work placement per week with a suitable industry employer, before enrolling this course.

Work placement can involve paid or volunteer arrangements. We recommend you chose a work placement that aligns with your career goals. For example, a veterinary clinic if you would like to be a veterinary nurse, or a wildlife park if you would like to be a ranger.

The animal industry is highly competitive, so to ensure you secure placement we suggest you visit the facilities you are interested in and introduce yourself with your resume in hand. TAFE NSW will cover your workplace insurance while you are actively enrolled and on placement. Detailed information regarding

this is provided to you upon enrolment.

## **BE PREPARED**

To be prepared for this course, it is recommended that you have:

- A passion for animals and their welfare
- A reasonable fitness level to handle animals and carry out manual lifting

To successfully complete this course, you will need:

A general interest in animal care and the 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.

It is highly recommended that whilst undertaking this qualification the learner should seek to gain a period of work placement or work experience in an animal care environment and/or workplace. Where a student does not have access to a workplace, they may demonstrate skills and performance evidence requirements in a simulated environment that is reflective of industry standards and activities.

## **Information Sessions and more about the course**

It's all happening at TAFE NSW InfoFest. [Register](#) for an information session to broaden your skills set to get ahead. Can't find an Information Session for you? [Enquire Online](#) or call 131601.

### **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

There are no information sessions currently scheduled for this course

### **STUDY COMMITMENT**

This is a Part Time Evening Classroom course. You will need to attend approximately 9 hours of class, over 1 day a week, for 6 months. As well as the in-class component, you will need to complete approximately 8.6 hours of other study per week.

You may also be required to complete approximately 7.2 hours of additional study each week outside of class hours, including simulated work experience, excursions and research, work placement and assignment preparation.

### **IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR YOU?**

The Certificate II in Animal Studies is an introductory course into the animal care industry. This covers basic animal care including subject areas on; identification, handling, feeding, WHS and workplace communications. There are many potential job roles at this level in the animal care industry for those willing and able to do the physical side of the work e.g.:- Animal shelter attendant, Kennel hand, Cattery attendant, Pet shop attendant.

The Certificate II Animal Studies also offers a pathway for further learning such as; ACM30117 Certificate III in Animal Studies, ACM30417 Certificate III in Companion Animal Services, ACM30617 Certificate III in Pet Grooming and ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

There are no entry requirements for this qualification however, local entry requirements do exist for this course which include; it is highly recommended that whilst undertaking this qualification the learner should seek to gain a period of work placement or work experience in an animal care environment and/or workplace. Students enrolled in the blended delivery option are required to source one working day per week in a suitable animal care workplace.

### **SERVICES AND STUDY SUPPORT**

There are additional learning and study tools available for this course, including: Every effort is made by TAFE NSW staff to ensure a successful outcome for enrolled learners. TAFE NSW offers a free tutorial support service to all TAFE NSW learners and further support services include:

- Easy computing online short courses
- Library resources
- LLN support

Work Placement Support including helping the student identify and secure a work placement, supportive conversations with a teacher or Assessor/ESO, debriefing/ mentoring by an Assessor/ESO etc.

We offer student services and study support to ensure you can achieve your goals. Learn about TAFE NSW [Student Services](#)

As a TAFE NSW student in this course, you will have access to:

- LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com)
- Studiosity - online access to a real life tutor
- Easy computing online short courses
- Access to local TAFE libraries

## Attendance

This course is currently scheduled on Tuesday from 9.30am to 3.30pm. This timetable may change and will be confirmed by your teacher.

## Fee Details

### SMART AND SKILLED FEES

This course is government-subsidised, meaning you pay a portion of the full course fee to TAFE NSW and the NSW Government will pay the balance. However, you must meet certain eligibility criteria for this to apply.

Depending on your previous qualifications and experience, your fee may be less than the maximum fee quoted. Your actual fee and eligibility for concession/exemption will be calculated and confirmed during the enrolment process. Payment plans are available through TAFE NSW for Smart and Skilled eligible qualifications.

For further information about eligibility and explanations of the different fee categories, visit [Are You Eligible?](#)

### READ BEFORE YOU ENROL

Learn about TAFE NSW [Fees](#)

Learn about TAFE NSW [Payment/Funding](#)

### RECOGNITION

Recognition is a process of acknowledging previously completed qualifications, skills, knowledge or experience relevant to your course. This may reduce the amount of learning required, reduce your course fees and allow you to achieve your qualification faster.

Learn about Recognition at TAFE NSW [Recognition](#)

## How to Enrol

Semester one starts early February 2020. Enquire now to be notified when enrolments open.

To find out more information on this course including the next start date, submit an online enquiry by clicking the **Enquire Now** button on this page, or call 131 601 during business hours\* to chat with a member of our friendly customer service team.

\*Our customer service team are available from Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm AEST.

Enrolling with us is easy, though the exact process does depend on your course and any prerequisites that go with it.

Be sure to read your chosen course information carefully to make sure it is the right qualification, location and study type for you.

Enrol and pay online via our secure payment gateway to secure your place.

As you progress through the enrolment process you will be prompted to provide additional information. If you are interested in studying as a Trainee or Apprentice please call 131 601 for full details.

## Units

ACMGAS201	Work in the animal care industry
ACMGAS202	Participate in workplace communications
ACMGAS203	Complete animal care hygiene routines
ACMGAS204	Feed and water animals
ACMGAS206	Provide basic first aid for animals
ACMGAS205	Assist in health care of animals
ACMSUS201	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
ACMWHS201	Participate in workplace health and safety processes
ACMGAS208	Source information for animal care needs
ACMGAS209	Provide information on companion animals, products and services
ACMSPE304	Provide basic care of domestic dogs
ACMSPE305	Provide basic care of domestic cats
ACMVET202	Carry out daily practice routines
ACMVET203	Assist with surgery preparation

## Career Opportunities

Animal attendant, animal carer.