



ACCREDITED COURSES - LEVEL 2 ANIMAL CARE

Do you love animals and aspire towards working in the animal care industry? We offer fully accredited City & Guilds courses designed to prepare students for future careers within animal care.

Here at West Midland Safari Park (WMSP) we provide a unique opportunity for students to engage with animals in a live, natural setting. With a state-of-the-art Academy which has 5 fully equipped classrooms and an array of its own animals, it really is a wonderful learning environment. Our course lecturers have a wide range of experience in various sectors of animal care. The Education team are dedicated and passionate about their role in inspiring the future generation of animal management specialists.

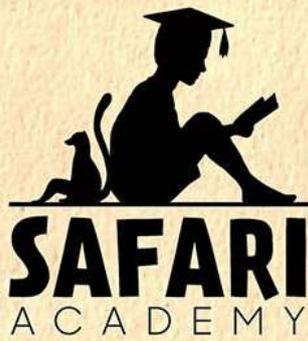
All our courses have both practical and theory-based lessons as well as work experience elements to ensure that students gain the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed to make them employable.

Our Education Department houses a wide range of animal species such as meerkats, tenrecs, reptiles and small mammals, providing students with practical experience in handling exotic species. Learning in such a unique environment also allows for the observation and study of many of the 140 species WMSP also cares for.

Many of our students' progress through the levels within animal management courses, but there are also progression routes into work-based learning or other Higher Education courses, as well as the opportunity for direct employment in a wide range of jobs within the animal care sector.

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Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care

The Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care is a year-long course run in partnership with Kidderminster College. Teaching takes place on-site at the Safari Academy at WMSP with Tutorial time being delivered at Kidderminster College. The course is designed to develop students' skills and knowledge, enabling them to recognize signs of health, understand animal feed requirements, identify behavioural traits and know how to apply these in practical situations.

Students also focus on the care of exotic animals, exploring sourcing and transporting different species along with preparing and maintaining appropriate accommodation. Throughout the course, students work with several different species of animals including ferrets, reptiles and tenrecs.

During the year-long course, students receive an introduction to important topics in animal care. They will also cover the science behind animal behaviour and study the anatomy of different animal species. There are opportunities during the year to gain valuable work experience within the animal care industry, providing a taste of what working with animals' entails. All students have a mandatory 150 hours of work experience they are required to complete.

Entry Requirements

Students will need four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including a Science or a Level 1 qualification in a related subject eg. Land or Animal Based. A keen interest in the care of animals is essential alongside a successful interview and a visit to the Safari Academy.

Delivery and Assessment

Assessment will be through coursework units as well as a large practical and theory 'synoptic' assignment, an end of year theory exam encompassing all mandatory units and a work experience 150-hour log book.

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Progression

After this course students may have the opportunity to continue their studies with the Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management at WMSP, Work Based Animal Care at Kidderminster College or enter employment within the animal industry.

If you would like further information about our accredited courses, please attend an Open Evening at the Safari Academy or email animal.care@wmsp.co.uk

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