

Joining Instructions

Animal Care / Management Courses

Welcome to the Animal Care/ Management team at Wiltshire College & University Centre.

Please find below details of course related costs and items you may need to get ready for the start of term.

Resource Fee

You will need to pay your £25 non-refundable Resource Fee before coming to enrol. This can be paid via the [WCUC Online Shop](#). You will need to bring a copy of your receipt to enrolment as proof of purchase. If you cannot pay online, please pay by card on enrolment day.

Stationery

All students are required to provide their own stationery, to include: A4 lined note paper, pens, pencils, rubbers, 30cm ruler, A4 folder and dividers.

Books

You are not required to purchase textbooks for this course, as the Learning Resource Centre has a range of textbooks that you can access.

Level 2 Animal Care learners:

- Animal Biology and Care by Sue Dallas
ISBN 9781118276044 (Level 2)
- The Complete Textbook of Animal Health and Welfare by Jane Williams
ISBN 9780702029448 (Level 2)
- Level 2 Technical in Animal Management – Exam 024/524 Study Guide by City and Guilds

Level 3 Animal Management

- Level 3 Technical in Animal Management – Exam 031/531 Study Guide by City and Guilds
- Any A-Level Biology Textbook (Level 3)
- Introduction to Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology by Victoria Aspinall & Melanie Cappello
ISBN 9780702057359 (Level 3)

T Level Animal Management

- T Level Animal Care and Management - Animal Management Core Pathway Revision Guide: Animal Management Core Pathway Revision Guide

- Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care T Level: Core

Uniform & PPE

All students are required to have specific clothing and PPE, which must be worn in all practical sessions.

We do not provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and this must be purchased before you start your course. If PPE is not present at the start of term, this may exclude you from some elements of practical sessions.

If your place is conditional on your exam results, please be mindful about buying items until your place is confirmed at your enrolment appointment.

For Health and Safety reasons **NO** visible piercings are permissible during practical activities. All jewellery must be removed including necklaces and rings and long hair must be tied back.

Nail extensions or false nails and nail varnish are not permitted in the Animal Resource Centre (ARC) and you will be required to remove them for practical sessions as this could cause injury or health issues to animal or yourself.

Please be aware no hoodies, leggings or joggers are permissible for practical sessions.

Branded items are available for purchase from our supplier [JS Teamwear](#):

We recommend you purchase:

- Sweatshirt crew neck or $\frac{3}{4}$ zip neck sweatshirt
- College polo shirt

Essential items that learners need to wear on the ARC and for practical lesson also include:

- Tunic – navy blue or with college logo
- Waterproof coat
- Steel toe cap boots, walking boots or wellies
- Appropriate trousers

Optional items:

- Waterproof trousers
- Navy overalls
- Raincoats/jackets/Gillet

Trips/ Visits and Guest Speakers

All students are expected to attend college educational enrichment activities as part of their course. We will also have guest speakers and employer masterclasses throughout the year.

Additional trips and residential trips maybe included throughout the academic year. Details of residential trips with costs will be provided closer to the time, providing parents and learners with sufficient notice. Your course lecturer will let you know when the trips are available for additional payment via the [WCUC Online Shop](#).

Work Placement

Each academic year you are required to achieved employer involvement experience. This is mandatory and requires you to complete animal related work experience, please look around your local area for work placement opportunities. These could include veterinary practices, dog groomers, pet shops or small animal collections.

If you have already found a placement, please contact our Placement Officer on Lucy.Goverd@Wiltshire.ac.uk about the establishment you have found and their contact details.

Financial Support

We understand that we are in a financially challenging time, and the costs of attending college can put pressure on a lot of families. Bursary funding is designed to help students overcome the financial barriers to attend and participate on their chosen course. Information about the criteria for applying bursary funds can be found on our website – [Bursaries - Wiltshire College & University Centre](#).

Bursary payments for anything other than meals and bus passes will be paid after 6 weeks of continued attendance, therefore please be mindful of this if you choose to purchase items yourself then.

Warm-up activities

Students who are keen to get involved in all thing's animal, we thought you would enjoy checking out these links for ideas on what you could get up to over summer.

Useful Websites

[First Aid for pets - PDSA](#)

[Activities | Wildlife Watch](#)

Information packs

[Learning Resources - Colchester Zoological Society](#)

Places to Visit

Longleat Safari Park

Cotswold Wildlife Park

Bristol Zoo Project

Rescue Centres (e.g., Bath Cats and Dogs Home)

Slimbridge Wetland Centre