

Study Programme Land Based Studies City & Guilds Diploma Level 1 (Animal Care) Study Programme Manager: Nicky Stanbury
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Course Code: 10085-BIC

Dear student,

I am thrilled that you are joining us on the Level 1 Animal Management course this September and look forward to meeting you!

Here is some useful information to help you get ready to start, but please feel free to email me should you have any further questions.

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Your FE course details

Welcome Days: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Timetable start date: 8th September 2025

Course College days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Please ensure you have the following items to begin your study programme:

- Folder
- Dividers and plastic wallets
- Pens/pencils/ruler/highlighters
- A4 lined paper notepad
- PPE – see list below

Please ensure you bring all your equipment on the first day of your timetable

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

- Trip to Paignton Zoo (£20-25)
- Possibly other trips if necessary
- Personal laptop would be beneficial

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- Bicton Uniform is compulsory for all college sessions. Uniform may be plain or branded uniform from our suppliers PVM.
- Minimum clothing suggested:
 - 2x Polo shirts or T Shirts burgundy
 - 1x Jumper (sweatshirt or fleece) burgundy
 - 1x Coat burgundy or 1x Gilet burgundy
- Steel toe capped safety boots / Wellington boots with steel toe caps
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (optional)
- Work type trousers/black jeans should be worn, but ripped jeans or jogging bottoms/leggings are not allowed
- Washable face mask for working in required animal areas
- No jewellery is to be worn during practical sessions, it must be removed (this includes all piercings)

PLEASE NOTE: uniform is expected to be worn on all college days, whether you are in practical or theory sessions. There are strict rules surrounding PPE for student and animal safety which have been outlined at interview and will be discussed further in Welcome Week.

Bicton College Animal Care branded clothing and steel toe-capped boots can be purchased from:

PVM Supplies Ltd
Units 1,2 & 4 Fair Oak Close
Exeter Airport Business Park
Exeter
EX5 2UL

Phone: 01392 444303

To order online from PVM, please click on the links below:

Uniform:

<https://www.pvmsupplies.shop/schools-colleges/bicton-college-new>

Additional Information related to your course:

Course Units

201 – Safe and effective working practices

This unit looks at health and safety and its role in reducing accidents in working practices. This unit is concerned with learners following the correct procedures, recommended codes of practice and current legislation. It also covers reporting procedures and the correct use of personal protective equipment (PPE), other equipment and management of the workplace.

This unit will be assessed by an externally set online e-volve test.

202 – Preparing to work in the land-based industries

The land-based sector is diverse and provides a wide range of career opportunities. It is important for those working in the industries to understand how it is organised and the professional standards required for those working in it.

The unit also enables the learner to gain experience working within a realistic working environment at the centre whilst under supervision. It provides them with the opportunity to develop important personal skills and apply health and safety.

This unit will be assessed by an externally set online e-volve test.

216 – Assist with maintaining the health and wellbeing of animals

This unit aims to provide learners with an understanding of the principles of how to assist with maintaining the health and wellbeing of animals and how this can be applied in practice.

This unit will be assessed by assignments and practical assessments,

218 – Assist with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals

The aim of this unit is to provide the learner with the knowledge and understanding of the correct methods and procedures to handle and move animals safely.

This unit will be assessed by assignments and practical assessments,

226 – Assist with feeding and watering of animals

This unit will provide the learner with the knowledge, understanding and skills required to select and prepare animal feed and maintain equipment associated with this.

This unit will be assessed by assignments and practical assessments,

227 – Assist with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation

This unit covers the knowledge, understanding and skills required to select, prepare and maintain animal accommodation.

This unit will be assessed by assignments and practical assessments,

228 – Assist with the handling and restraint of animals

This unit provides the learner with the knowledge on how to assist a supervisor when handling, moving and restraining an animal.

This unit will be assessed by assignments and practical assessments.