

ACM30321 - CERTIFICATE III IN WILDLIFE AND EXHIBITED ANIMAL CARE

Nationally Recognised Training

This qualification reflects the skills and knowledge required for individuals undertaking a range of animal care functions in a zoo, wildlife sanctuary, aquaria or other facility where animals are cared for or exhibited. It applies to individuals who undertake activities autonomously or in teams working under broad direction. Activities may include individual animal welfare to social group management in small to large scale facilities.

CAREER PROSPECTS

When you complete the Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care graduates will be qualified to apply for various positions including Zookeeper/Animal carer, Native wildlife carer, Wildlife rehabilitator, Animal technical officer, Aquarist..

ARTICULATION

Students who successfully complete the Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care can gain credits for subjects included in the ACM40221 - Certificate IV in Animal Facility Management if they decide to continue their studies. Under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate III is AQF Level III.

AQF1	Certificate I	AQF2	Certificate II	AQF3	Certificate III
AQF4	Certificate IV	AQF5	Diploma	AQF6	Advance Diploma

AWARD

Upon successful completion of all units of competencies in the course, students will be issued with a Certificate III in Captive Animals. Should a student not complete the entire course then a Statement of Attainment will be given for the units successfully completed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There is no age limit, but applicants should have successfully completed year 10. Mature age and students with prior learning and experience should also apply.

DELIVERY OF THE COURSE

The Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care is delivered through approximately 78 week course of practical experience and theory.

For those currently working in the industry it can also be delivered by on-the-job training, off-the-job training and by the 'self paced' method of learning which allows you greater flexibility in choosing the times you study and the time it takes you to complete the course.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY

Assessment in this course will be competency based, in that the student will be required to demonstrate competency in a range of tasks. The assessment coding which will apply is either C or NYC, where C is Competent, and NYC is Not Yet Competent. Assessment procedures are transparent and address the key assessment principles of being valid, reliable, flexible, fair and cost effective. Assessment strategies encompass a range of techniques, which include, but are not limited to the use of:

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| ➤ Direct observation of performance | ➤ Oral questioning | ➤ Projects/assignments |
| ➤ Simulations of workplace activities | ➤ Practical exercises | ➤ Work portfolios |

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING & CREDIT TRANSFER

Students who can demonstrate that they are already competent in the knowledge and skills of a unit of competency, or have previously completed a course with another Institution, may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Credit Transfer. For further information please refer to the Student handbook.

NOMINAL DURATION 728 Nominal Hours 52 weeks Full-time or 78 weeks Part-time

SERVICES

As part of our ongoing commitment to provide advice and support services we provide to all our clients/students the following services upon request:

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| ✓ welfare and guidance services | ✓ client selection, enrolment and induction/orientation procedures |
| ✓ appeals and complaints procedures | ✓ course information including content and vocational outcomes |
| ✓ disciplinary procedures | ✓ fees/charges, including refund policy and exemptions (where applicable) |
| ✓ staff responsibilities for access and equity | ✓ provision for language, literacy and numeracy assessment |
| ✓ Recognition Prior Learning (RPL) & Credit transfer arrangements | ✓ client support, including any external support the RTO has arranged for clients flexible learning and assessment procedures |
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Further details of any of the above services may be obtained from your student handbook, pre-course introduction session or contacting any of our staff on the below details for a friendly chat.

QUALIFICATION RULES

To achieve a Certificate III in Captive Animals, 16 units must be completed: 12 Core units and 4 Elective units which have been pre elected.

CORE UNITS HOURS		PRE REQUISITES	NOMINAL
ACMEXH301	Work within a zoological facility	Nil	60
ACMGEN301	Prepare and present information to the public	Nil	40
ACMEXH303	Prepare and maintain animal habitats	Nil	50
ACMEXH304	Assist with capturing, restraining and moving animals	Nil	40
ACMGEN304	Promote positive wellbeing in self and others in animal care workplaces	Nil	40
ACMGEN303	Assess the welfare status of an animal	Nil	60
ACMGEN311	Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing	Nil	50
ACMBEN302	Provide enrichment for animals	Nil	40
ACMGEN312	Provide nutritional requirements for animals	Nil	60
ACMWHS301	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes	Nil	50
ACMSUS401	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices	Nil	40
ACMGEN315	Communicate effectively with clients and team members	NI	30
ELECTIVE UNITS			
ACMEXH309	Contribute to exhibit design and renovation planning	Nil	50
ACMEXH305	Monitor animal reproduction	Nil	40
ACMINF301	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work	Nil	60
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid	Nil	18