



ACM30321 Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care

Course Duration:	24 Months Full Time	16 Units must be	12 core (mandatory) units
	48 months Part Time	completed:	4 elective units

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required to perform a range of animal care tasks in zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, aquaria, and other animal care or exhibition facilities. It applies to individuals who use established practices and procedures to carry out work activities independently or as part of a team, under broad supervision. Work may involve exercising judgement in the care of individual animals and assisting with the management of animal groups across a range of facility sizes.

It offers pathways to work as a:

- Zookeeper / Animal Carer
- Native Wildlife Carer
- Wildlife Rehabilitator
- Animal Technical Officer
- Aquarist

Completion of this qualification does not guarantee employment or any specific employment outcome.

While Careers Training Centre may assist students in identifying suitable workplace opportunities for practical training, students are responsible for securing access to a workplace to meet the course requirements.

How the Course Is Delivered

Training is delivered via a blended learning model, incorporating workplace-based learning supported by online delivery methods. All training support is provided remotely by a qualified Trainer/Assessor.

This vocational training approach enables learners to gain practical, on-the-job skills, supported by underpinning knowledge delivered through online learning sessions.

Assessment is conducted when the learner is deemed ready and confident, and may include a combination of the following methods:

- Written questions and projects
- Demonstrations and observations
- Third-party reports completed by qualified workplace supervisors

All assessment activities are designed to reflect real workplace expectations within the animal care and wildlife industry and are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the ACM30321 Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care and the relevant national training package.

Student Support and Services

Learners enrolled with Careers Training Centre have access to a range of support services to assist them throughout their studies. This includes access to trainer support, learning resources, and Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital (LLND) assistance where required.

Learners are also supported through established policies and procedures, including complaints and appeals processes to ensure fair and transparent outcomes.

Further information regarding student support services, policies, and procedures is available in the Student Handbook, which is provided to all students prior to enrolment.

Learner's data is collected in accordance with NCVET requirements. Please refer to our Privacy Policy.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification. However:

- Learners must have access to a suitable workplace environment
- A qualified workplace supervisor must be available to complete practical components.
- Learners should have **basic Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital (LLND) skills** to participate in training and assessment

Workplace / Industry Requirements

Learners must be currently engaged in work—whether voluntary, employed, or as a trainee—and have access to a qualified supervisor willing to complete third party observation reports.

Trainer/Assessors

Careers Training Centre employs qualified Trainer/Assessors with extensive industry experience. They enjoy supporting others in gaining a nationally recognised Qualification

Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfers

Learners who can demonstrate they are already competent in the knowledge and skills required in 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 contact Careers Training Centre.

Certificate information

Upon successful completion of all units of competency and general requirements as dictated under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF), the student will be issued with Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care ACM30321. Should a student not complete the entire course then a Statement of Attainment will be issued for the units successfully completed.

Current CTC Course Content

Core Units	
<p>ACMBEH302 Provide enrichment for animals</p> <p>ACMEXH301 Work within a zoological facility</p> <p>ACMEXH303 Prepare and maintain animal habitats</p> <p>ACMEXH304 Assist with capturing, restraining and moving animals</p> <p>ACMGEN301 Prepare and present information to the public</p> <p>ACMGEN303 Assess the welfare status of an animal</p> <p>ACMGEN304 Promote positive wellbeing in self and others in animal care workplaces</p>	<p>ACMGEN311 Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing</p> <p>ACMGEN312 Provide nutritional requirements for animals</p> <p>ACMGEN315 Communicate effectively with clients and team members</p> <p>ACMSUS401 Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices</p> <p>ACMWHS301 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes</p>
<p>Mandatory Elective Requirement</p> <p>ACMEXH309 - Contribute to exhibit design and renovation planning</p> <p>This unit must be selected by all students as it is delivered alongside the core unit ACMEXH303.</p>	
<p>Select three (3) elective units from the following options:</p>	
<p>Elective Units Currently Offered for Traineeships</p> <p>ACMEXH305 Monitor animal reproduction</p> <p>ACMINF301 Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work</p> <p>SITXCOM007 Show social and cultural sensitivity</p> <p>SITXCCS009 Provide customer information and assistance</p>	<p>This Elective Unit is also available for Fee for Service Students</p> <p>HLTAID011 Provide First Aid (delivered by 3rd party RTO)</p>

Enrolment Options

1. Career Start Traineeship	<p>Learner is employed as a trainee full-time or part-time</p> <p>Training is partly funded by the Queensland Government</p>	<p>Cost to the Learner: Co-contribution is between \$800 and \$1,100 depending on elective units chosen. *</p> <p>Concessions may be applicable and CTC offers a payment plan.</p>	
2. Fee for Service	<p>Learner is not employed as a trainee – but may be employed as a keeper at a suitable workplace.</p> <p>If they are not employed as a wildlife keeper, CTC may support learners in identifying suitable volunteer work placement opportunities; however, placement is not guaranteed.</p> <p>Qualification is fully funded by the Learner</p>	Full Cost to the Learner: \$ 7,790.00	
		Deposit	8 x Instalments
		\$490.00	\$912.50

*Under funding rules Careers Training Centre **must** collect a co-payment from the Learner. This is set by the Queensland Government.

For further information on payment terms, conditions, and applicable refunds, please refer to the Student Handbook and Fees and Refund Policy.