

WELCOME TO ANIMAL CARE AT KIRKLEES COLLEGE



WELCOME FROM THE CURRICULUM AREA MANAGER

“ Welcome to Animal Care. My name is Stephen and I am the Curriculum Area Manager for Animal Care. We offer Animal Care at the Taylor Hill Animal Centre in Huddersfield. ”

Stephen



COURSES IN THIS AREA

- Animal and Land Based Studies Level 1
- Dog Grooming Level 2
- Animal Care Level 2
- Animal Management Level 3
- Pet Services Level 3



WHERE WILL YOU BE STUDYING?

Taylor Hill Animal Centre

The Taylor Hill Animal Centre is located on the outskirts of Huddersfield, a short bus ride from the town centre. It is an award-winning, eco-friendly centre housing a range of animals, including an aviary, aquarium, reptile unit and small mammal house. The college has started building a new reptile house to provide students with a sustainable, purpose-built facility.

Students will be actively involved in looking after the animals, studying their behaviour, biology and upkeep. The centre also includes a small farm with extensive outdoor facilities and wildlife environments. Our tutors have a variety of professional backgrounds, including working in zoos, farming and wildlife rescue.

This centre has a well-stocked LRC and small refectory on-site. Students will get their hands dirty on these courses with a mixture of classroom activity and practical, hands-on lessons.



IT STARTS WITH YOU

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You don't need any specific equipment, but we do recommend a pair of sturdy shoes or wellington boots! Students can also purchase a college hoodie. Your timetable will usually be 16 hours a week. If you don't have GCSE grade 4 in English and maths then resitting these will be built into your study programme.

On your course, you will have the opportunity to complete a two-week work placement.

You can download Microsoft software for free and access free Wi-Fi at college. If you need to access IT equipment, you can borrow devices from the LRC.

All 16 – 18 students have the opportunity to join our Sports Academy, if your timetable allows. We have a Football Academy and Rugby Academy, which both offer you the chance to train in your chosen field alongside your studies. To find out more about the different academies and trials, head to our website.

To see Taylor Hill Animal Centre or learn more about our Sports Academy, scan this QR code.



MEET OUR STUDENTS

“ I have really enjoyed the Animal Management course at Kirklees College. All staff and students are so welcoming of different backgrounds at our eco-friendly Taylor Hill Animal Centre. The courses at Taylor Hill Animal Centre are set apart by the range of animals. ”

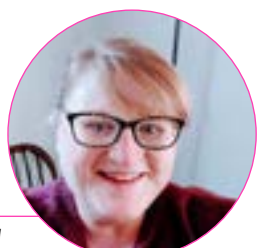
Jessica, Animal Care



MEET ONE OF OUR SUBJECT TUTORS

“ Kirklees College is proud to offer a range of Animal Care courses based at our Taylor Hill Animal Centre. Our courses provide a wide range of industry opportunities from working on farms to veterinary nursing, zoo keeping, animal welfare officer plus many more. Your studies will involve working with over 80 species of animals at the centre, ranging from exotics, small and large mammals, aquatics, livestock and birds. Lessons are delivered by industry specialist qualified and experienced tutors. We look forward to welcoming applicants to our centre and courses! ”

Rachel





FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We can support you with:

- Applying for bursaries if you're eligible
- Buying uniform and kits
- Free college meals
- Support with travel costs – you can apply for a travel pass before you start or collect a form from college



STUDENT SUPPORT

We have a wide range of support available including:

- Dedicated Personal Development Coach and Pastoral Mentor. Your Personal Development Coach will help you in tutorial sessions to work on our Personal Development Programme, while your Pastoral Mentor will be on hand to offer 1:1 support if and when you need it
- Additional learning support. This is available for learners with specialist educational needs and disabilities and is delivered in various forms according to an individual's assessed needs or provisions within an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- Counselling service
- Careers advice

To find out more about our financial and student support, please scan the QR code



CAREER PROGRESSION

Students can progress to a range of different pathways. Students who choose not to go to university are supported in securing employment. Many of our students now work in an animal environment, including working in pet shop retail, as animal groomers or rescue centre workers, including with the RSPCA. Many of our students also choose to work in zoos. Some have set up their own businesses as dog groomers and dog walkers, trained to be veterinary nurses, or gone into other veterinary roles.

At Kirklees College, we offer fantastic HNC/HND courses in Animal Care that are a natural progression route from our Level 3 courses and allow students to gain a degree level qualification. After this, there are a range of degree courses students can access. Some degree courses our previous students have enrolled on include:

- Zoology
- Wildlife Conservation
- Environmental Management
- Animal Behaviour and Welfare
- Physical Education and Sports Coaching
- Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Zoo Management



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WORK PLACEMENT

As part of our Employability Pledge at college, all our 16 – 18 study programme students will have the opportunity to complete work experience and undertake a work placement during their time at college. You will work with a dedicated Work Experience Coach, who will help you find a placement suited to your course or chosen career, or complete work experience to achieve a Careers and Personal Development Passport Award.



WELCOME DAYS

We would also like to invite you to a Welcome Day at your chosen centre in June. This is a great opportunity to come in and see where you will be learning in September, find out more about our facilities, your course and meet tutors and fellow new students. You will be sent more information shortly.

The Welcome Day is:
Taylor Hill Animal Centre: 29 June.



OPEN DAYS

Our Open Days provide information about the facilities and support available at college, as well as offer parents / carers and applicants the opportunity to ask any questions about starting a course with us.

The date for our Summer Open Days:

ALL HUDDERSFIELD CENTRES

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

5PM – 7PM (last entry 6.30pm)

OPEN DAYS - Scan the QR code to find out more



If you would like to speak to a tutor or have any questions about your course or application, please email applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

Enrolment will be in August. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

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