



ANIMAL CARE AND AQUACULTURE **COURSES**



Animal care and aquaculture are popular industries for employment around the globe. TAFE International Western Australia can provide you with the training and skills to work in your dream industry. Picture yourself caring and working with companion animals or developing and producing sustainable sources of seafood for local, national and international markets.



"I really wanted to study veterinary nursing in WA, and wanted training with a face to face classroom component. TAFE International Western Australia offered a program with classroom learning, an on site training clinic with a surgery, and additional learning at a work placement in Perth. The class sizes are small and the team atmosphere is great, which creates a supportive environment for learning. Having the clinic and surgery training helped break up the lectures, and helped make the transition of learning from the book to the patients. The teaching staff were all highly educated, and have a passion for both veterinary medicine, and teaching and made sure to push us to do our best."

Emma Boone | USA

ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

ANIMAL CARE

Year 11 equivalent


ACM30122 Certificate III in Animal Care Services

12 months

ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

12 months

All courses listed require an IELTS score (Academic) 6.0 with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent, unless otherwise stated. Please note that before commencing the ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, you must hold (or be able to obtain) a National Police Clearance dated within the past 12 months. Certain offences listed on your clearance may affect your eligibility for authorisation with the WA Veterinary Practice Board.

 UniPathways — Start your studies at TAFE then continue to university with a UniPathway.

ACM30122 Certificate III in Animal Care Services

TAFE ID: BHVO | CRICOS code: 110615

Why choose this course?

Start your career in the animal care industry with this qualification. Get a wealth of hands on experience and be job ready to work in a broad range of roles including dog day care, boarding, rescue shelters, pet sitting, dog walking, breeding establishments and other animal businesses.

You will learn the animal related skills to identify behaviours, interact safely, assess the welfare status, provide first aid and comply with infection control policies and procedures. This course also includes skills training to walk, exercise and bath dogs. In addition, you will learn how to provide general care for dogs, rodents, rabbits, birds, fish, and reptiles.

An on-campus animal care facility is available for you to learn in a simulated workplace with a range of animal species including dogs, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, fish, budgerigars, cockatiels, and canaries.

Locations	February intake	July intake
Bentley campus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Geraldton campus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Course units

To achieve this qualification, you must demonstrate competency in 17 units comprising:

- » seven core units; and
- » 10 electives.

There are common electives available at all campuses while other electives are campus-specific.

Core units

- » ACMBEH301 Identify behaviours and interact safely with animals
- » ACMGEN303 Assess the welfare status of an animal
- » ACMGEN304 Promote positive wellbeing in self and others in animal care workplaces

- » ACMGEN309 Provide basic animal first aid
- » ACMGEN315 Communicate effectively with clients and team members
- » ACMINF301 Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work
- » ACMWHS301 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes

Electives offered at all campuses

- » ACMGEN308 Walk and exercise dogs
- » ACMGEN311 Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing
- » ACMGRM201 Bath, dry and brush domestic dogs
- » ACMSPE316 Provide general care of domestic dogs

Bentley campus

Tuition fee \$13,140 | **Resource fee** \$1,282 | **Materials fee** \$200
Duration two semesters (12 months)

Electives (campus-specific)

- » ACMBEH302 Provide enrichment for animals
- » ACMGEN312 Provide nutritional requirements for animals
- » ACMSPE314 Provide general care of birds
- » ACMSPE318 Provide general care of fish
- » ACMSPE321 Provide general care of non-venomous reptiles
- » ACMSPE322 Provide general care of rodents or rabbits

Learning resources, facilities and equipment

Learning resources may include access to a simulated work environment, the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS) PowerPoint presentations, handouts, learner resource notes, worksheets and lecturer developed revision tasks.

Facilities and equipment may include access to a range of animals housed on campus such dogs, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, fish, budgerigars, cockatiels, canaries, and all equipment and materials required for the care of these animals.

Geraldton campus

Tuition fee \$13,140 | **Resource fee** \$636 | **Materials fee** \$113
Duration two semesters (12 months)

Electives (campus-specific)

- » ACMGEN310 Provide reception services for an animal care facility
- » ACMGEN314 Identify animal anatomy and physiology for animal care work
- » ACMSPE317 Provide general care of domestic cats

- » ACMSPE320 Provide general care of mammals
- » AHCLSK202 Care for health and welfare of livestock
- » HLTAID011 Provide First Aid

Learning resources, facilities and equipment

Learning resources may include access to the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS), videos, documents, PowerPoint presentations, handouts, revision tasks and worksheets.

Facilities and equipment may include access to an animal care facility located on campus with a range of animals housed such as dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles, budgerigars, sheep, chickens, and all equipment and materials required for the care of these animals.



Work placement information

There is no workplace requirement for this course.



Career opportunities

- » Kennel hand
- » Pet shop/Aquarium assistant
- » Animal carer



ACM40418 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

TAFE ID: BED9 | CRICOS code: 0101518



Why choose this course?

Turn your love for animals into a rewarding career as a veterinary nurse or animal welfare worker with this qualification.

Learn the skills to work effectively in a veterinary practice, providing care to a wide variety of animals, assisting with surgery preparation and procedures, performing pathology and imaging procedures, providing post-surgery care and advice, and workplace safety and health.

Throughout this course, you'll benefit from access to an on-campus veterinary clinic, complete with surgery facilities. This clinic is open to staff, students, and the public. The clinic provides an opportunity for you to participate in practical training and exposure to a range of animals with various medical and surgical conditions. This practical training will allow you to develop your skills and knowledge in a safe and supported environment and prepare you for industry placements.

Additional information:

To legally work as a veterinary nurse in Western Australia, you must be registered with the **Veterinary Practice Board of WA (VPBWA)**. This qualification meets some of the registration requirements. It is recommended that you review the full eligibility criteria directly with the VPBWA if you are intending to register.

Locations	February intake	July intake
Bentley campus	■	■
Geraldton campus	■	



Course units

To achieve this qualification, you must demonstrate competency in 21 units comprising:

- » 17 core units; and
- » four electives.

There are common electives available at all campuses while other electives are campus-specific.



Core units

- » ACMGAS307 Identify animal anatomy and physiology for animal care work
- » ACMGAS308 Communicate effectively with clients and team members
- » ACMINF301 Comply with infection control policies and procedures in animal care work
- » ACMVET202 Carry out daily practice routines
- » ACMVET401 Coordinate veterinary reception duties
- » ACMVET402 Apply imaging routines
- » ACMVET403 Perform clinical pathology procedures
- » ACMVET404 Perform practice office procedures
- » ACMVET405 Coordinate and perform surgical nursing routines
- » ACMVET406 Nurse animals
- » ACMVET407 Carry out medical nursing routines
- » ACMVET408 Provide nutritional advice and support for animals
- » ACMVET409 Provide specific animal care advice
- » ACMVET410 Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures
- » ACMVET413 Prepare for anaesthesia and monitor animal

anaesthesia and analgesia

- » ACMVET416 Assist with the preparation of veterinary drugs and poisons
- » ACMWHS301 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
- » ACMSPE305 Provide basic care of domestic cat
- » ACMGEN304 Promote positive wellbeing in self and others in animal care workplaces

Bentley campus

Tuition fee \$15,014 | **Resource fee** \$1,268 | **Materials fee** \$306

Duration Two semesters (12 months)

Electives (campus-specific)

- » ACMBEH301 Identify behaviours and interact safely with animals
- » ACMSPE302 Provide basic care of birds

Learning resources, facilities and equipment

Learning resources may include access to support materials, training and assessment resources, the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS), PowerPoint presentations, resource notes, worksheets, lecturer developed revision tasks and physical equipment and facilities all located on campus.

Facilities and equipment may include access to a fully operational veterinary clinic with surgery facilities, exposure to a range of animals with various medical and surgical conditions, animal caging facilities, feeding utensils, animal health care facilities, wet areas for animal demonstrations, and fully equipped classrooms.

Geraldton campus

Tuition fee \$15,014 | **Resource fee** \$749 | **Materials fee** \$113

Duration two semesters (12 months)

Electives (campus-specific)

- » ACMMIC401 Implant microchip in cats and dogs
- » ACMVET203 Assist with surgery preparation

Learning resources, facilities and equipment

Learning resources may include access to support materials, learning resources, training and assessment resources, Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS), PowerPoint presentations, handouts, revision tasks and worksheets, videos, documents, and links to websites specific to the area of training.

Facilities and equipment may include access to an on-campus fully operational animal care facility, a simulated work environment and exposure to a range of animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, guinea pigs, reptiles, sheep and birds and fully equipped classrooms.

Work placement information

South Metropolitan TAFE

This course requires you to have certain immunisations and/or provide proof of your vaccination status before attending mandatory work placements. The specific vaccines required, as well as any associated costs, may vary. Please follow the instructions and guidance provided during enrolment and orientation. You will not be able to complete the course if these requirements are not met. Required vaccinations include Tetanus and Influenza, and Q-fever may also be required as advised by a health practitioner. For more information, refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).

You are required to undertake approximately 240 hours of work placement during this course. This work placement is for one day per week at a private veterinary clinic for the duration of the course. You are required to arrange this placement with assistance from college staff who have a list of approved practices to approach. You will also attend the on-campus clinic /surgery one day per week throughout your studies.

You will be supervised during any off campus placements and this supervision and support is fully documented. A college lecturer will conduct workplace visits to provide ongoing support and coaching and will observe and assess your performance.

Central Regional TAFE

You are required to complete a minimum of 240 hours of work placement. The location of this will be determined by your TAFE lecturers and may include work placement at an animal care facility or local veterinary clinic. The practical component of the course is delivered at the on-campus clinic where you will be provided with live engagement and simulation with real animals.

Career opportunities


- » Veterinary nurse
- » Animal welfare worker
- » Animal carer
- » Veterinary surgical assistant




AQUACULTURE

Year 10 equivalent

SF130119 Certificate III in Aquaculture


 six months

SF150119 Diploma of Aquaculture

 12 months



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 UniPathways – Start your studies at TAFE then continue to university with a UniPathway.

SF130119 Certificate III in Aquaculture

TAFE ID: BE15 | CRICOS code: 0100603




Why choose this course?

Further your knowledge in aquaculture and sustainable food sources with this qualification. This course will build your knowledge in fish farming by giving you the skills to be able to plan, install and construct structures to house fish and other species. During your studies you will acquire the skills to create a balanced environment for stock by ensuring the water temperature and flow are all of good quality, which is vital for healthy fish stock. Your newly gained knowledge will also give you the opportunity to identify and treat diseases and dispose of effluent wastes when required.

Part of this course involves harvesting stock, carrying out post-harvest operations and arranging stock transport. It will be your responsibility to operate high technology water treatment components and implement emergency procedures and occupational health and safety guidelines if they arise.

This qualification is very practical and hands on with extensive salt and freshwater facilities located at the campuses.

Locations	February intake	July intake
Fremantle campus		



Course units

To achieve this qualification, you must demonstrate competency in 16 units comprising:

- » three core units; and
- » 13 electives.



Core units

- » SFIBI0301 Identify and report signs of aquatic disease or pests
- » SFIWHS301 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
- » SFIKSI201 Work effectively in the seafood industry

Fremantle campus

Tuition fee \$6,570 | **Resource fee** \$500 | **Materials fee** \$500
Duration one semester (six months)

Electives

- » AHCNAR302 Collect and preserve biological samples
- » FBPOPR2066 Apply sampling procedures
- » HLTAID011 Provide First Aid
- » MARF027 Apply basic survival skills in the event of vessel abandonment
- » MARF028 Follow procedures to minimise and fight fires on board a vessel
- » MARF029 Meet work health and safety requirements
- » MARF030 Survive at sea using survival craft
- » SFIAQU303 Monitor stock handling activities
- » SFIAQU304 Maintain water quality and environmental monitoring
- » SFIAQU306 Monitor production and maintain algal or live-feed cultures
- » SFIAQU308 Support hatchery operations
- » SFIAQU312 Monitor feed activities
- » SFIAQU315 Apply control measures for diseases

Learning resources, facilities and equipment

Learning resources may include access to support materials, assessment tools, and access to industry standard facilities.

Facilities and equipment may include access to a simulated workplace consisting of aquaculture facilities such as hatcheries, fresh and salt water systems, fish and crustacean species, molluscs, fully equipped classrooms, vessels and a commercial kitchen.



Work placement information

There is no work placement requirement for this course. You will be required to work in the student hatchery outside of scheduled class times during first term.



Career opportunities

- » Aquaculture farm attendant
- » Pond worker

SFI50119 Diploma of Aquaculture

TAFE ID: BEJ2 | CRICOS code: 0100601

Why choose this course?

Turn the ocean into your office with a career in the aquaculture industry. This qualification will provide you with the practical skills and knowledge to manage the operations of fish farms, marine farms and hatcheries. You will learn skills in developing and implementing a breeding strategy, planning ecologically sustainable practices, biosecurity, managing stock health, developing a stock production plan, managing staff and business operations and developing marketing strategies that comply with government regulations and restrictions.

Our campuses have extensive salt and freshwater aquaculture facilities that will enable you to acquire practical, hands on training that relates directly to the aquaculture industry.

Locations	February intake	July intake
Fremantle campus	■	

Course units

To achieve this qualification, you must demonstrate competency in 12 units comprising:

- » two core units; and
- » 10 electives.

Core units

- » SFIAQU504 Plan and implement environmentally sustainable aquacultural practices
- » SFIBIO501 Plan and implement an aquaculture biosecurity plan

Fremantle campus

Tuition fee \$13,140 | **Resource fee** \$1,564 | **Materials fee** \$0
Duration two semesters (12 months)

Electives

- » AHCWRK502 Collect and manage data
- » BSBLDR522 Manage people performance
- » SFIAQU404 Operate hatchery
- » SFIAQU410 Implement a program to operate, maintain or upgrade a recirculating aquaculture system
- » SFIAQU501 Develop a stock nutrition program
- » SFIAQU502 Develop and implement an aquaculture breeding strategy
- » SFIAQU505 Plan stock health management
- » SFIAQU506 Manage an aquaculture research trial
- » SFIAQU508 Plan and design stock culture or holding systems and structures
- » SFIAQU509 Develop stock production plan

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Work placement hours

Work placement hours are subject to change and may vary between campus locations.

Fee information

There are three types of fees required.

- » **Tuition** – International student tuition fees are set on a commercial basis and are paid as a whole of course fee.
- » **Resource** – These are mandatory fees paid to your TAFE college each semester. These fees are a fixed payment determined by each unit of enrolment. Resource fees are charged for items you will use during your course, for example if you are studying a hospitality course it will be the food that you use; or an art and design course may include paint.
- » **Materials** – These fees are for materials you will keep for use during and after your studies, for example personal protective equipment, text books, uniforms etc.

Tuition fees are current at the time of printing and reviewed annually. Resource and materials fees may apply and these vary between campus locations. For more information about fees please visit tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/fees .

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