

BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Animal Management (Animal Behaviour and Welfare)

Department	Animal Studies
Awarding Body	PEARSON
Additional Accreditations	N/A
Full-time Duration	Two Years
Full-time Annual Fee	£6,360
Entry Requirements	UCAS Tariff: 48 points A Level: DD City & Guilds L3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma: PPP GCSE English and Maths at grade 4/C or above English language requirements: IELTS (Academic) Grade 6 IELTS 6.0 overall (minimum 5.5 in all components) where English is not the student's first language. Non-standard applicants who do not meet the published entry requirements may be considered on an individual basis and we encourage such applicants to contact Universitystudiesadmissions@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk for further guidance <i>The university does not accept International Applications for this course</i>
Study Location	University and Professional Development Centre, 73 Western Way, Bury St Edmunds UK
Subject to Validation	No
Additional Potential Costs	You may need to apply for an enhanced DBS (Approx £44) depending on whether you are currently on the update service. For practical sessions, you will need to purchase a veterinary style tunic and alternative footwear, preferably steel toe capped boots. The veterinary tunics are purchased via Salon Wear Direct: - Veterinary Ladies Tunic £29.94 - Veterinary Male Tunic £31.20 Prices include VAT and delivery and may be subject to change. Steel toe capped boots can be purchased from any relevant high street shop or online and are approximately £20. There is also the option of a hoodie, though this is not required - Veterinary Ladies Tunic and Hoodie £56.32 - Veterinary Male Tunic and Hoodie £57.58 Where certain modules are taken, students are advised to purchase a set of headphones/laptop for hybrid teaching sessions. Other costs may include books if you wish to have your own copies averaging around £100 - £200 per year as well as visits to exhibitions/events; paper-based materials; and printing (although most work is submitted electronically).
Narrative	At West Suffolk College, we are committed to providing high-quality education that aligns with industry demands and offers clear progression

pathways for our learners. This qualification will build upon the strong foundation laid by our current City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management, offering a seamless academic transition for learners and allowing them to specialise further in areas of growing demand.

The purpose of Pearson BTEC Higher Nationals in Animal Management is to develop students as professional, self-reflecting individuals able to meet the demands of employers in the Animal Management sector and adapt to a constantly changing world. The qualifications aim to widen access to higher education and enhance the career prospects of those who undertake them.

Key Course Features

The course is delivered on campus/online and requires students to attend a two full days per week.

Delivery of the course is through a range of methods including lectures, seminars, case-study, discussions, and practical workshops.

The Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Animal Management (Animal Behaviour and Welfare) is designed to equip students with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for careers in animal management, welfare, and rehabilitation. The course is structured over two years, with the first year (Level 4) focusing on foundational modules that provide a broad understanding of animal health, business operations, and animal behaviour. Key modules include Animal Health and Welfare, which covers vital aspects of ensuring the physical and psychological well-being of animals, and Animal Behaviour in Society, where students learn how human-animal interactions shape behaviour. Practical understanding is developed through modules such as Animal Husbandry and Animal Anatomy and Physiology, preparing students for hands-on animal care and management roles. Additionally, optional modules like Management of Exotic Species and British Wildlife provide opportunities to specialise in diverse areas, with a focus on conservation and management of native and exotic species.

In the second year (Level 5), students delve deeper into advanced topics and research, starting with core modules such as Biological Principles, which underpins an understanding of animal biology and how it influences behaviour and welfare. The Research Project allows learners to explore specific areas of interest and apply research methods to real-world problems in the animal management sector. Specialist modules like Anthrozoology and Evolution and Adaptations enable students to critically assess human-animal relationships and the evolutionary basis of animal behaviour. The course also offers practical, career-oriented units such as Therapy and Rehabilitation, Ethics and Consultation, and Ornamental Aquatics and Fish Keeping, equipping students with the skills to work in areas such as animal rehabilitation, consultancy, and aquatic management. Overall, the course provides a comprehensive, well-rounded education that prepares students for various roles within the animal management field.

Career Prospects

The Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma is recognised by Higher Education providers as meeting admission requirements to many relevant Animal Management related courses, for example:

- BSc (Hons) in Animal Behaviour and Welfare
- BSc (Hons) in Animal Management

Students should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes at specific Higher Education providers. After completing a Pearson BTEC Higher National Certificate or Diploma, students can also progress directly into employment.

Typical job roles and salaries:

Animal Keeper £21,000 to £23,000 per year

Animal Control Officer £30,000 per year

Animal Health Officer £27,000

Animal Trainer £18,000 to £30,000 depending on experience

Wildlife Technician £22,000 to £26,000

Retail Supervisor £21,000 to £25,000

Animal Instructor £22,000 to £28,000

Animal Behaviour Consultant £25,000 to £50,000 depending on specialisation

Pet Store Manager £22,000 to £28,000

Animal Rescue Centre Manager £26,000 to £30,000

Animal Lecturer £29,000 to £45,000

Module Summary

Level 4 (Year 1)

- 1 Animal Health and Welfare

Learning to recognise the signs of health and disease across and range of animal species as well as know how to promote good health and prevent disease.

- 2 Business and the Business Environment

Provide students with background knowledge and understanding of business, exploring organisations and learn how to shape business decisions.

- 3 Managing a Successful Project (Pearson-set)

Developing and demonstrating skills that are required for managing and implementing a project. Through research and business review successfully complete a project that meets aims and objectives of the business.

- 4 *Animal Behaviour in Society

Develop and understanding of behaviour of animals through scientific observation and assessment of animal behaviour. Leading to supporting and modifying/managing behaviours and supporting good animal welfare.

- 5 *Animal Husbandry

Equipping students with practical skills and underpinning knowledge to ensure promotion of animal in environments that is good for mental and physical health.

- 6 *Animal Anatomy and Physiology

Develop knowledge of biological systems of animals to understand how animal health and biological functions relate to welfare and lifestyle. Through in depth learning of the biological systems.

- 14 Management of Exotic Species

Gain important theoretical knowledge and practical skills in promoting the welfare of a wide range of different exotic animal species.

- 53 British Wildlife

Develop understanding of British wildlife in relation to current and historical populations and distributions to develop key information relating to scientific and conservation.

Level 5 (Year 2)

- 23 Biological Principles

Equip students with underpinning knowledge of principles of biological process, building on from the level 4 module Anatomy and physiology.

- 24 Research Project (Pearson-set)

Developing on skills from level 4, this module aims to offer opportunity to engage in sustained research in a specific field.

- 25 *Anthrozoology

Examining the human animal interaction, exploring the variety of ways in which animal are utilised in human society.

- 26 *Evolution and Adaptations

Developing technical and scientific analysis this provides insight into models and theories that explain aspects of animal in a variety of different environments.

- 32 Therapy and Rehabilitation

This module explores the awareness of and symptoms of injuries and explores the treatment methods available

- 36 Ethics and Consultation

Developing professional discussion this module supports progression for all students to be familiar with key welfare and ethical approaches relating to animal Welfare

- 42 Ornamental Aquatics and Fish Keeping

Providing students with understanding of the theoretical and practical skills in promoting welfare of a wide range of different fish.

Staff Team

Programme Lead – Clare Bryant

Lecturers – Clare Bryant, Sarah Eaton, Amanda Gritton, Jasmine Matthews, Gemma Abbott, Jake Muskett, Steph Donohue

Lecturing staff have qualifications in, at undergraduate and post graduate level. The team have a wealth of experience in industry, research and higher education.

Assessment Methods

Projects, Report, Portfolio, Review, Reflection, Action Research.

Students enrolled in this programme are required to gain a work placement in the animal sector to support the completion of projects in both year one and year two. While students are encouraged to secure their own placements, West Suffolk College offers support and guidance if needed to help them find suitable opportunities within the industry.

Typical Module Diet

All modules are 15 credits unless stated

Year 1 (L4)			Year 2 (L5)																					
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Study Hours

Study Hours per 15 credit Module: 150 hours

Lectures and Seminars: 45 hours per module

Assessments: 30 hours

Preparation and Independent study: 60 hours

*Typically, four 15 credit modules will be studied per Semester. There are two Semesters a year.

This programme is regulated by the Office for Students under the Quality Assurance Agency framework for UK Higher Education. Where studying may incur additional incidental or optional costs these are listed on

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