This program provides students with the knowledge and skills to enter the animal care and management industry.

COURSE AIMS
This program covers a range of units including workplace health and safety, working in the animal care industry, surgery preparation assistance, assisting in the care of animals and acting as an information source for animal care needs.

CONTRIBUTION TO VCAL/VCE
VCAL: One credit towards a VCAL learning program is awarded on successful completion of 90 nominal hours of accredited VET curriculum.

VE: Students who complete this program may be eligible for recognition of two or more units at units 1 & 2 level and a units 3 & 4 sequence (if available). Students may not be recognised for all eligible credit until the completion of the second year.

ATAR: This program does not have a study score and therefore cannot contribute towards the student’s primary four. Where a units 3 & 4 subject is completed satisfactorily, it may be counted as a 5th or 6th subject and contribute towards their ATAR (10% of the lowest study score of the primary four).

Please note: The student must already have English and three other fully scored VCE/VET subjects to create the primary four.

POTENTIAL PATHWAYS
- Certificate III in Animal Studies
- Certificate III in Captive Animals (Zoo keeping pathway)
- Certificate III in Pet Grooming
- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
- Certificate IV in Animal Control Resolution

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONS
- Animal care attendant
- Animal shelter attendant
- Kennel hand
- Cattery attendant
- Pet shop attendant
- Assistant dog groomer

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION
Students are highly recommended to undertake five days of Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) a year to enable them to gain industry experience.

Students will be required to attend excursion and field day activities throughout this program. Parents will be required to sign excursion forms at the beginning of the year.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY
Students are required to wear protective footwear and other protective items as required under OH&S legislation. More information will be provided at commencement of the program.

1ST YEAR UNITS OF COMPETENCY

| ACMGAS201 | Work in the animal care industry |
| ACMGAS202 | Participate in workplace communications |
| ACMWHS201 | Participate in workplace health and safety processes |
| ACMGAS207 | Provide reception services for an animal care facility |
| ACMGAS209 | Provide information on companion animals, products and services |
| ACMSP305 | Provide basic care of domestic cat |

2ND YEAR UNITS OF COMPETENCY

| ACMGAS205 | Assist in the health care of animals |
| ACMGAS206 | Provide basic first aid for animals |
| ACMUS201 | Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices |
| ACMGAS203 | Complete animal care hygiene routines |
| ACMGAS204 | Feed and water animals |
| ACMSP310 | Provide basic care of mammals |

NATIONAL OR STATE ACCREDITATION
National

CLUSTER PROVIDER
The Gordon Institute of TAFE
Eastwood Leisure Centre

REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION
The Gordon Institute of TAFE

RTO CODE
3044

PROGRAM LENGTH
2 years

DAY AND TIME
1st year – Thursday 1.45pm to 5.00pm
2nd year – Tuesday 1.45pm to 5.00pm

PROGRAM MATERIAL COSTS
1st year – $140
2nd year – $140

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING
Strongly recommended – 80 hrs / 2 weeks minimum over total program

OUTCOMES
Satisfactory completion of this two year program entitles the student to an ACM20117 Certificate II in Animal Studies.

ENROLMENT TYPE
VE1

Commencement of program will be dependent on adequate student numbers for enrolment and funding. Programs and units of competency are subject to change prior to commencement. This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding to eligible individuals.