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be amazing

Animal Management





About us

Whether you dream of working with pets, wildlife or exotic creatures, you can start your journey to a great career right here at The Manchester College.

Our Animal Management department is based in new facilities at our Wythenshawe campus and is home to a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles and insects. Here you'll be learning what each one needs to thrive, taking part in hands on activities and studying a wide range of topics, such as animal behaviour, nutrition and conservation.

You don't need any previous experience to enrol on your first course and you'll be supported every step of the way by your tutors. They have a wide range of both practical and theoretical knowledge, as well as industry experience, and are incredibly passionate about animals.

There are so many careers open to you and we want to make sure you can gain crucial work experience. At our Industry Excellence Academy for Animal Management you could secure a placement at a vets, pet shop, riding stables, kennels or even the Blue Planet Aquarium.

We often invite guest speakers to the College including organisations like Dogs for Good, the RSPCA, Blue Cross and Manchester Museum. They've made a career out of working with animals, and will happily share their advice and tell you about some of the jobs you could apply for when you finish your studies.

Plus, you might even get the chance to take trips out to places like Chester Zoo and working farms to hear from even more people who currently work in the industry.

The demand for animal management professionals is increasing every year. If you'd like to become a zookeeper or even travel the world caring for desert, jungle or ocean wildlife, you've come to the right place.

So, what are you waiting for?



If you've achieved the necessary entry requirements prior to joining us or during your time in our Centre of Excellence, you may be able to progress into our Industry Excellence Academy for Animal Management.

The programmes of study within our Industry Excellence Academy have been co-developed with industry partners.

Working so closely with industry partners means you'll benefit from courses that are aligned with current industry skills and demands as well as a range of industry-level activities and lessons.

This will include masterclasses and lessons delivered by industry experts, visits from guest speakers within the sector and industry-standard projects, that will see you working on the kind of tasks you'd be completing once you begin your career in the animal management industry.

In our Industry Excellence Academy for Animal Management, you'll complete a placement with a sector employer of at least 24 days and you'll receive a mentor from your chosen industry to support you along the way.

Once you complete your journey in our Industry Excellence Academy you will have the qualifications you need to take the next steps towards an amazing career, as well as the experience and skills that will help you stand out to future employers.

Study for a Technical Level (T Level) qualification in Animal Care and Management

T Levels are a new two year technical programme that provide you with a high-quality alternative to A Levels.

They have been developed in collaboration with employers, and combine theory, practical and classroom learning with a minimum 45 day industry placement. If you opt to take a T Level you will spend 20% of your time on an industry placement and 80% in the classroom.

After completing the course you can progress directly into work, on to a Higher Apprenticeship or even move on to study a university degree, as T Levels are awarded UCAS points.

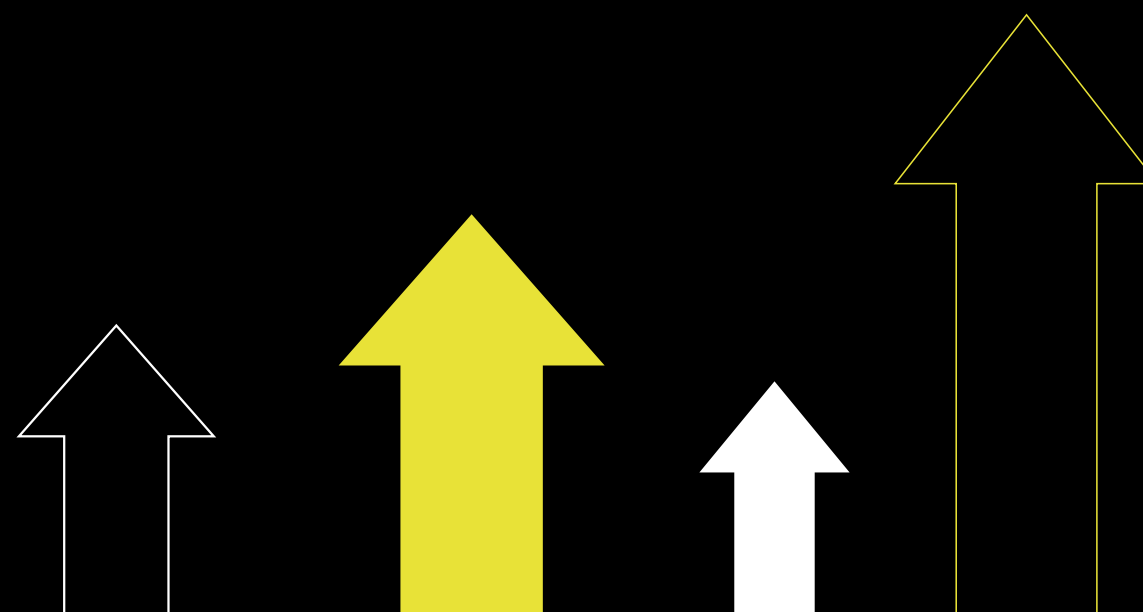


T Award

Those successful in gaining a place on a T Level will be eligible for the 'T Award', a package of benefits that includes:

- £300 per year bursary*
- Access to industry standard laptop* (as appropriate)
- Opportunity to take part in exciting college-wide competitions
- Minimum 20% delivery by industry experts
- Minimum 45-day industry placement
- Free branded work wear
- Masterclasses
- Digital upskilling
- Bursary incentive if progressing to UCEN Manchester
- Guaranteed progression to a Higher Education course at UCEN Manchester
- Use of industry based software
- And much more.

**Subject to requirements including 95% attendance, positive attitude and grade profile.*



Courses

Level 3 | T Level | Animal Care and Management Wythenshawe | Two Years

During your studies you will gain all the skills and core knowledge to be able to enter into a range of animal care and management occupations. You'll develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector including sustainability, environmental legislation, climate change and waste management, principles of biosecurity, ethical principles, principles of customer care, finance and principles of stock management. Alongside your study you will undertake an industry placement within your chosen area to gain on the job experience.

By specialising in Animal Care and Management, you will study and work with a range of animals, gaining underpinning knowledge in the following:

- Animal welfare
- Animal biology
- Nutrition
- Accommodation and handling
- Preventative care techniques
- Positive influences on animal behaviour and animal training.

For those who don't meet the entry requirements and would still like to pursue a T Level, there is the option of a one-year Level 2 T Level Foundation Year as part of our Industry Excellence Academy for Animal Management. This Foundation Year will allow you to gain a qualification and move on to study a T Level the following year.

Level 2 | T Level Foundation Year | Animal Care Wythenshawe | One Year

Our Level 2 course will deepen your knowledge, skills and understanding of animal management.

As well as continuing to build your confidence and skills in feeding and caring for a variety of animals, you'll learn more about keeping them healthy, safe and comfortable.

You'll also start to learn about the basic principles of animal biology and behaviour, ready for when you progress to Level 3.

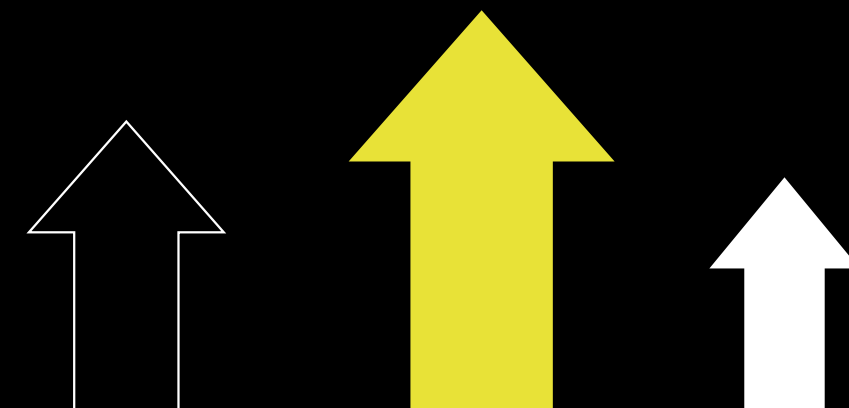
Once you complete the qualification you'll be ready to progress on to the Animal Care and Management T Level the following year.

Jump Start To T Levels

Both our T Level and T Level Foundation Year require you to complete our Jump Start to T Levels programme as an entry requirement.

This programme is a two-week introduction to our Industry Excellence Academy, T Level and Foundation Year programmes, where you can meet your tutors and experience what studying a T Level at The Manchester College is like.

To apply or find out more about our T Level and T Level Foundation Year programmes, visit our Industry Excellence Academy website: industry-excellence.tmc.ac.uk/t-levels



We passionately believe in helping you reach your ultimate goal, focusing on your future employability and developing the skills you need to have a successful career.

If you're aged 16 -18, our Centre of Excellence for Animal Management is set up to help you do just that!

Study Programmes

You'll join our Centre of Excellence for Animal Management when you enrol on any of our qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3.

If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to achieve this level of qualification alongside your course. This is a mandatory requirement and it's also essential you achieve this for many careers.

Employability

To prepare you for your future career, you'll take part in a range of 'employability' activities to equip you with the knowledge and experience of the careers available to you.

Employability Sessions

You'll be assigned an Employability Tutor and will take part in dedicated 'employability' sessions which will help you develop the skills you'll need to thrive in the workplace.

Work Experience Placement

As part of the course you are required to take on external work experience. We will help you find a suitable placement. While there, you'll help with day-to-day tasks and shadow staff to develop your skills and broaden your knowledge of the industry.

Previous students have had placements at:

- Wythenshawe Farm
- Blue Planet Aquarium
- Wythenshawe Park Riding Stables
- Animal sanctuaries
- Lyme Park
- Urban Jungle and other pet shops
- Formby Woods
- Veterinary practices

Industry Placement

Industry experience is a mandatory part of the course and will range from 75 to 150 hours a year, however it will be more on the Veterinary Nursing Course.

These placements give you an in-depth knowledge of the industry, allowing you to gain hands on experience and provide an insight into career pathways.

Some of our students even go on to gain paid employment with their industry placement employer at the end of the year, so they offer a great first step into the industry.

Once you complete your journey in our Centre of Excellence, you will have all the skills you need to be 'work ready' and the qualifications you need to take the next steps towards an amazing career.

Work Related Activity

There are so many careers that involve working with animals and we want to help you explore as many as possible during your studies.

We organise lots of work related activities to help you discover more about the opportunities that might be open to you. You could soon be:

- Finding out what it's like to work in the industry, from professionals such as veterinarians, pet shop owners and dog walkers.
- Going on trips to zoos, wildlife parks, kennels or other workplaces, to experience some of the environments you could choose to work in.
- Meeting employers and other experts in the animal management sector such as those at Chester Zoo to talk about the wide range of career pathways open to you in the sector.

Courses

All of our Centre of Excellence courses are designed to prepare you for a wide range of roles working with animals.

You'll gain a greater understanding of lots of different species and learn the practical skills you'll need to care for them properly. As you progress through your journey with The Manchester College, you'll learn advanced animal husbandry skills and cover complex topics such as genetics.

Level 1 | Small Animal Care

One Year | Wythenshawe

Our Level 1 course will see you taking part in a range of practical and work related skill sessions. You'll learn the basics of handling, feeding, transporting and caring for small animals like rabbits, rats, mice and guinea pigs.

You'll also learn about the cultivation of plants and vegetables, and be able to put your skills into practice in our Geodome – a revolutionary indoor growing system and 'living classroom'.

By the end of the course, you'll have gained plenty of practical skills and a better understanding of the animal management sector.

Level 2 | Animal Nursing Assistant

One Year | Wythenshawe

Our Level 2 Certificate in Animal Nursing Assistant offers an engaging programme to support students who want to pursue a career in an animal-related industry.

The course is designed to provide individuals with an opportunity to develop, knowledge, understanding and practical skills relating to veterinary nursing.

It is ideal for students looking for a full-time course specialising in the veterinary nursing sector, wishing to move onto the Level 3 Veterinary Nursing course and then higher education, or who want to work in the animal industry or envisage a career in animal occupations or animal technical roles.

You will be studying units including how to provide basic nursing to animals, animal anatomy and physiology, principles of infection control and more.

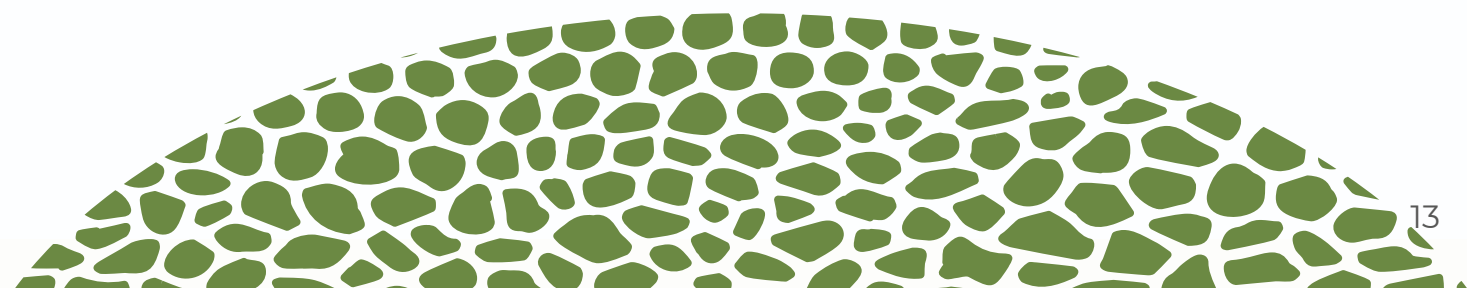
Level 3 | Veterinary Nursing

Two Years | Wythenshawe

Our Level 3 course has been designed to ensure that on completion, you will be fully qualified to work as a registered veterinary nurse. You will learn all the skills and knowledge you need to pursue a career as a veterinary nurse in this highly competitive sector. Work placement is an essential element and you will be assessed both in placement and in college. You will develop your theoretical knowledge in college, whilst gaining hands on, practical experience while on placement.

Some of the units you will study include applied animal welfare, diagnostic imaging and laboratory diagnostics, small animal critical care and life skills essential for professional development. You will be allocated a clinical coach to guide you in practice and our experienced veterinary nursing teachers will ensure you develop all of the skills you need.

The Diploma in Veterinary Nursing allows students to progress onto further study or directly into a career as a Veterinary Nurse which is subject to the required registrations.



SUPPORTED LEARNING

Promoting independence
through accessibility and
inclusion

Have you received learning support in the past? Do you have an Education, Health and Care Plan or an identified Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) need? Our Supported Learning team can help students with SEND to achieve their aspirational career goals.

We provide a highly personalised offer for students to create a supportive learning environment for all. Whatever course you choose to study, our provision is specifically designed to support you on your journey to independence and into further education or employment.

Find out more about how we can help you:
tmc.ac.uk/supported-learning



We'll help you Accelerate2industry

As soon as you enrol on an Animal Management course, we'll start talking to you about the opportunities that could be open to you in the future. To guide you through the process and help you achieve your aspirational career goals, we've teamed up with our higher education partner, UCEN Manchester, on an exciting initiative.



Ultimately, the aim of Accelerate2Industry is to help you progress into either, higher study, higher education with UCEN Manchester, or your chosen career.

The initiative runs throughout the academic year and there are three distinct phases:

Step 1 - Plan >>>

Find out the options available to you at the end of your study programme.

Step 2 - Pass >>>

Your tutors will speak to you about what you're planning on doing next year and support you to secure the grades you need to move on to the next phase of your journey.

Step 3 - Progress >>>

Your tutors will ensure you have all of the information and support you need to re-join us in September or progress on to university, employment or an apprenticeship.

Progressors Award >>>

Do you want to study with a higher education provider that offers something a little bit different and delivers courses that are career focussed and lead you straight into employment? If so, our Progressors Award is just for you.

The award is open to all Level 3 students at The Manchester College that upon completion of their course enrol onto a higher education course at UCEN Manchester. The Progressors Award is currently £200. Please check the amount, eligibility, and terms and conditions ahead of making your progressors application to UCEN Manchester during your final year of Level 3 study.

Careers



Zookeeper

Starting salary: £18,000

Salary with experience: £25,000

As a zookeeper, you'd be responsible for making sure the animals in your care are kept in the correct environment and meeting all the welfare standards necessary. You'd want them to be free to behave as they would do in the wild, as much as possible. Along with feeding the animals and cleaning out pens, you'd be checking for signs of distress or disease and caring for any sick creatures.



Veterinary Nurse

Starting salary: £18,000

Salary with experience: £26,000

As a veterinary nurse you must be friendly and comfortable working with animals. You'll be in charge of the care of pets and communicating effectively with their owners.

You will work alongside the veterinarian to aid health care tasks, whether that be during simple check-ups or surgery on animals and communicate effectively with clients.

Generally veterinary nurses are based in a veterinarian's office or veterinary hospital and could have responsibilities including administering medications to pets, ensuring enclosures are clean, sanitary and appropriate for the animal's health.



Pet Shop Manager

Starting salary: £24,000

Salary with experience: £26,000

As a pet shop manager you'll be involved in a variety of different tasks including ensuring the care of animals in the shop, advising owners on pet care, selling pet care products and maintaining stock levels. You'll need to have a genuine passion for animals, enjoy interacting with different people every day and have good communication and customer service skills as well as maths and English.



Meet the team

Our welcoming and supportive tutors are passionate about animals, wildlife and the environment. Each member of the department has a wealth of knowledge and experience in both Animal Management and teaching.

From working as a Marine Biologist in Australia's Great Barrier Reef to working in British conservation and ecology, you'll learn from their experiences and benefit from their links to the industry.



Liz Peters
Head of Department

Liz possesses 30 years' experience in the service industries and worked as a manager in a variety of colleges including Bury College, Calderdale College and West Lancashire College.

Liz became Head of Department for Animal Management in 2021 after spending a number of years as Assistant Principal for Service and Retail Industries.

She is passionate about improving the lives and the employability skills of learners in Greater Manchester.



Jack Stevens
Head Animal Technician

Jack has worked within the animal industry for ten years, since beginning work experience in secondary school at a dog training centre.

He has worked with various species in animal collections, including Eurasian wild boar, wallabies and skunks, which is why he finds this industry to be hugely rewarding.

Jack has industry experience with aquatic species managing various aquatic systems. Jack has been at The Manchester College for 3 years and worked closely on the design of a new Centre of Excellence.



Jennifer Candela-Alfonso
Tutor

Jennifer has been teaching Animal Management for 15 years and involved in the animal industries for over 20 years having grown up on a pig and poultry farm in North Yorkshire.

During her BSc in Animal Behaviour and Welfare she worked on farms, equine yards and in aquariums, where she was able to work with a variety of domestic species.

She secured a job in Colchester Zoo where she worked with a wide range of animals, specialising in training for display and welfare, and had the fantastic opportunity to work with elephants, giraffes, lemurs and many other species.

Jennifer has also spent time in Madagascar working with local communities to preserve local wildlife and study lemurs and chameleons in the wild. Her specialisms are in exotic animal care, wildlife and conservation and animal training.



Kirsty Munro
Tutor

Kirsty has a BSc (Hons) in Zoo Biology and a MSc in Zoo Conservation Biology and has over ten years' experience working in the animal management industry.

During her time in the sector, she worked as a zookeeper and in conservation before more recently becoming a tutor at The Manchester College.

Kirsty's specialisms are science, conservation with herpetology, the study of amphibians and reptiles, and grooming.



Lauren Eatock
Tutor

Lauren has worked within the animal management industry for 14 years since starting her Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management at the age of 16.

She has worked at different educational establishments for the past 8 years where she has gained valuable experience with a range of different learners. Lauren has a particular interest in small mammals and has a pet cat called Sloan.

Lauren has taught a range of subjects from Level 1 to Level 3 over her teaching career. Her specialist subjects to teach are Animal Welfare and Ethics, Animal Health and Animal Breeds.



Philip Pownall
Tutor

Philip completed a BSc in Zoology with Animal Behaviour at Bangor University and has over 10 years' experience working within the animal management industry. This includes experience as a zookeeper at Welsh Mountain Zoo, working with animals including big cats, primates, birds of prey, alligators and training the Californian sealions.

Whilst at the zoo he would conduct animal presentations and shows alongside zoo animal husbandry. Philip has also worked within a horse sanctuary, training horses that are feral to assist with rehabilitation. He specialises in animal behaviour, breeding and genetics, nutrition, and zoo animal health.



Our location

Our Animal Management department and its huge variety of animals and habitats is based in new, industry standard facilities at our Wythenshawe campus.

At Wythenshawe you'll be working with everything from rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens, right through to lovebirds, leopard geckos and a royal python. If you love animals, you're in for a real treat.

We passionately believe in helping you reach your goals which is why our Wythenshawe campus provides facilities which match those that you'll work in in industry everyday ensuring that - through a range of modern facilities and outdoor spaces - you have an amazing student experience along the way.

In our Industry Excellence Academy for Animal Management you will benefit from new facilities developed specifically for your course including:

- Bespoke reptile and small animal care rooms
- Fantastic new outdoor animal pens
- An industry standard food preparation area.

These amazing facilities will enable you to learn in an environment that matches those that you will work in when you start your career.



1 Wythenshawe Campus
Brownley Rd, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 9UH

Our Animals

We have more than 100 animals and over 40 different species. They live in a variety of habitats and need different things to keep them healthy and happy. You'll soon be learning all about them, from how to handle a ferret, to which leafy greens to feed a bearded dragon.



What our students say

My time studying at The Manchester College has been really enjoyable. I gained a lot of new knowledge and developed so many useful skills which will help me in my future career. The tutors have taught me a range of skills in dealing with animals. They have been extremely helpful and friendly - they have made my experience at college enjoyable and stress free. After college I hope to go on to study at University of Bristol to study Animal Nursing to become a Veterinary Nurse.

Amy Lewin, Level 3 Animal Management

Whilst studying this course I have grown more confident and sure of myself, the tutors have been very understanding and helped me improve my assignment work, making the course easy to grasp. The feedback I have received for assignments is very helpful in improving my writing and content abilities. The practical work was fun to perform and has allowed me to have the essential experience I need for future jobs in the industry.

N'Zai Caines, Level 3 Animal Management



How to apply

Applying to study at The Manchester College is really easy. Just follow these steps and you will be on your journey to amazing in no time.



Step 1

Visit **tmc.ac.uk**



Step 2

Choose a course, apply at an open event, online or mobile



Step 3

Receive a conditional offer



Step 4

Book to attend an interview



Step 5

Register to attend our New Student Welcome Day in July (16-18 only)



Step 6

We will invite you to enrol in September after you receive your results (if applicable)



What's Next?

Find out more and apply

To find out more about Animal Management at The Manchester College and to apply scan the QR code or visit: **tmc.ac.uk/animal-management**



Visit us

Join us at one of our open events throughout the year to learn more about our courses, tour our facilities, speak to our tutors and much more. To find out when our next Open Event is taking place and to register your place visit: **tmc.ac.uk/events**

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