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Animal Management at The Manchester College



Get career ready from day one

Our courses are designed with employability in mind, giving you real-world skills for roles in animal care, welfare, conservation and more - all linked to Greater Manchester's thriving animal management sector.



Learn from industry experts

You'll be taught by experienced tutors who bring real animal management knowledge into the classroom, helping you understand what employers are looking for right now. Find out more about your tutors on our website: tmc.ac.uk/animal-management.



Experience animal management in action

Through work placements, employer-led projects, and visits to top employers, you'll build practical experience that looks great on your CV.



Discover what inspires you

Start with a solid animal management foundation, then specialise in areas that match your goals and interests as you progress - from veterinary care to animal behaviour.



Go beyond the classroom

Take part in enrichment activities, enterprise challenges and networking events that develop your confidence, leadership and problem-solving skills - all key for success in the animal management sector.



Job figures



There were approx. **8,871** employees working in the animal management sector in Greater Manchester in 2025. This is predicted to increase by **6.2**% by 2028.



Average earnings

The average wage in Greater Manchester is £26,648 per annum (2024).



Replacement demand

Around **3,060** of the current workforce will be reaching retirement in the next 10 years, meaning those jobs will need replacing.

Types of jobs
Animal Care Worker
Assistant Dog Trainer
Dog Groomer
Farm Worker
Farmers
Pet Store Assistant
RSPCA Inspector
Veterinarians
Veterinary Nurses
Zookeeper

Skills needed
Auditing
Communication
Customer service
Detail orientated
Ecology
Management
Marketing
Project management
Sales
Surgery

Examples of GM Employers	
Animal Trust	
BioNow	
Medivet Partnership LLP	
NHS	
Penguin Recruitment	
Pets at Home	
SRG Europe	
The Groom Room	
University of Manchester	
Vet Seekers Ltd	

Careers information





Where to find us

Our Animal Management courses are delivered at our Wythenshawe campus, where you'll have access to our extensive range of specialist facilities which are home to over 100 animals.

With excellent transport links, modern classrooms and vibrant social spaces, you'll be supported every step of the way as you develop the skills needed for a successful career working with animals.



- Bespoke exotic and mammal rooms housing a wide range of species, from rabbits and guinea pigs to leopard geckos, royal pythons, and lovebirds
- Fantastic outdoor animal pens offering hands-on learning opportunities
- Industry-standard food preparation areas and animal isolation rooms, mirroring professional settings
- State-of-the-art science equipment
- 1931 our student-run restaurant
- Spacious library with IT access and study areas
- Starbucks coffee shop and on-site refectory
- Discounted hair and beauty treatments at our salon.



Get career ready with us

We're here to help you achieve your goals and get career-ready. Our courses are designed with top employers to focus on in-demand skills.

From day one, you'll gain hands-on experience to build confidence. By the end, you'll have the qualifications, knowledge and experience to stand out and take the next step in your career.

Building your employability

To get you careerready, you'll take part in
activities that boost your
skills and understanding
of the world of work.
You'll be supported by a
dedicated Employability
Co-ordinator who will
support you to develop
the knowledge, skills and
behaviours you'll need to
thrive in the workplace.



Real-world experience that counts

As part of your course, you'll complete work experience with an employer. We'll help you find a placement where you can:

- Shadow professionals and see how the job is done day-to-day
- Contribute to real projects that develop your skills and strengthen your CV
- Grow in confidence as you put learning into action.

Many of our students make such a strong impression that they even secure parttime or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

We work with leading employers to deliver our placements, including:





Discover where animal management can take you

We'll introduce you to a wide range of career options in the animal management sector through:

- Industry talks with professionals and employers
- Workplace visits to zoos, wildlife parks and kennels
- UK and international trips to build fieldwork skills.





This will help you decide which path to take after your course — whether that's progressing to degree-level study, starting an apprenticeship or going straight into employment.



I really enjoy science
and my course covers
the biology of different
animals. From reptiles to
mammals and aquatics,
and I've learned how to
handle all different
sized animals.



Level 3 Animal Management

Courses

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3, including T Levels. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll study to work towards achieving this qualification.



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T Level Animal Management and Science



Level 3 | Wythenshawe | 2 years

This course equips you with the skills and knowledge to enter a wide range of animal care and management roles. You'll explore key topics such as sustainability, biosecurity, animal welfare, behaviour, nutrition and health, as well as business, finance and customer care. You'll gain hands-on experience through an industry placement in your chosen area. With specialist knowledge in biology, anatomy, and animal behaviour, you'll be well prepared for work or further study in the animal management and science sector.

Animal Management

Level 3 | Wythenshawe | 2 years

Our Level 3 Animal Management course prepares you for employment in the animal care sector or progression to university. You'll study core units including animal health, feeding, behaviour, welfare, biological systems and breeding. Specialist topics include exotic, avian and aquatic care, as well as zoological collections. You'll also explore business management and customer care in the land-based sector. Optional units such as wildlife conservation, rehabilitation, inheritance and genetics allow you to tailor the course to your career interests.

Animal Care

Level 2 | Wythenshawe | 1 year

Our Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care is a full-time course designed to prepare you for a career in the animal care industry. You'll study core topics including animal health and welfare, behaviour and handling, industry practices and health and safety. Additional units cover animal biology, breeds and grooming, and care of exotic species. This engaging programme will help you build the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to progress to further study or begin working in the animal sector.

Land-based Studies

Level 1 | Wythenshawe | 1 year

Build your skills and knowledge across land-based industries and create a strong foundation for further study or specialisation in areas like animal care. You'll cover topics including health and safety, the care of wild and domestic animals, handling and restraint, and the uses and domestication of animals. This course is ideal for you if you're considering careers working with animals or managing natural environments as you will gain essential experience and insight into the land-based sector.



I've learnt what the

14 health parameters

are - I can bring those

to any animal to treat

them because its core

knowledge.



Korie Level 3 Animal Management

Our animals



- African clawed frog
- African land snails
- Argentinian horned frog
- Bearded dragons
- Chickens
- Chilean rose tarantulas
- Corn snakes
- Fancy mouse
- Ferrets
- Fire bellied toads
- Gargoyle gecko
- Gerbils
- Giant stick insects/ macleays
- Red footed tortoises

- Guinea pigs
- Harvest mice
- Indian stick insects
- King snake
- Leopard geckos
- Madagascar hissing cockroach
- Meerkats
- Milk snake
- Millipedes
- Mississippi mud turtle
- Northern pine snake
- Rabbits
- Royal python
- Sun beetles
- Tropical fish





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





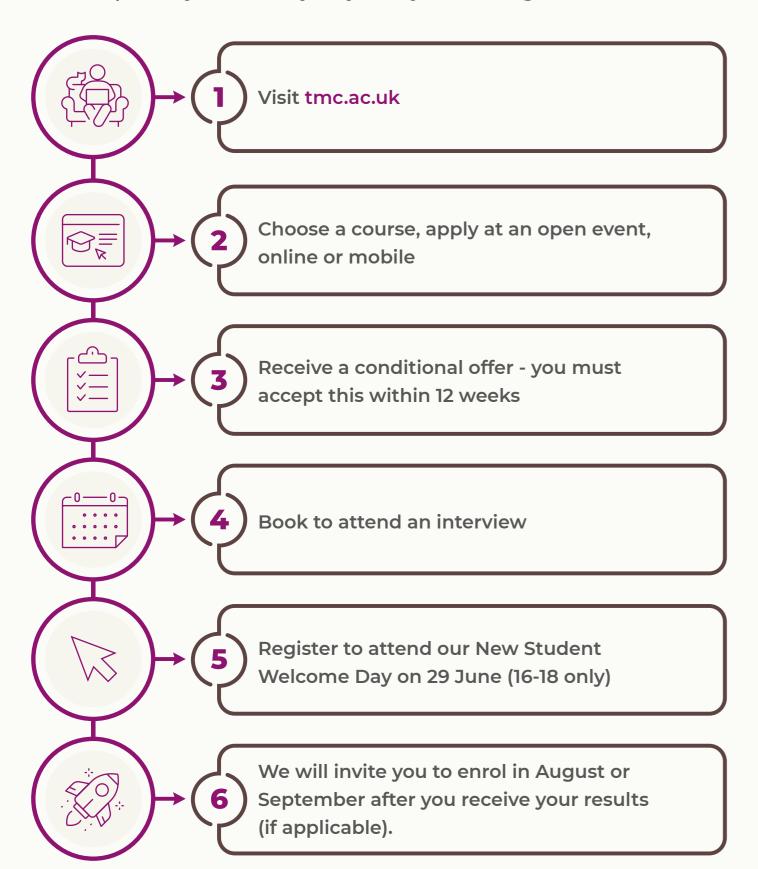


Additional Learning Support Team: specialistsupport@tmc.ac.uk
Transition Team: transitionteam@tmc.ac.uk



How to apply

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



What's next?

You've explored what's possible, now it's time to take your next steps.

To discover more about Animal Management, and to start your application, scan the QR code or visit: tmc.ac.uk/animal-management.





Visit us

than visiting in person.



Contact Us

Got a question about one of our courses, about The Manchester College or just need to get in touch? Contact us:

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All course information is correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. For the latest details, please visit tmc.ac.uk.



The Manchester College is committed to equality of opportunity, non-discriminatory practices and supporting individual learners. This information is also available in a range of formats, such as large print, on request.