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**WE ARE THE NUMBER ONE COLLEGE IN GREATER
MANCHESTER FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT***

**Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.*

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5 Reasons to Study



Animal Management at The Manchester College



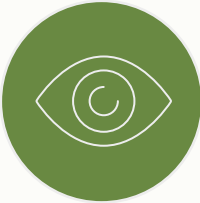
Number 1 in Greater Manchester

Our achievement rates are the highest of all colleges in Greater Manchester for the 8th year running and we're one of the top 3 in the country.*



Progression that opens doors

Over 94% of TMC students move on to a positive destination such as employment, an apprenticeship or degree-level study.**



Ofsted recognition

In our most recent Ofsted inspection, we were rated 'Good' overall and 'Strong' for our contribution to skills.



Over 1,000 employer partners

We work with employers across lots of industries, so you can build your confidence through a meaningful work placement, industry talks and live projects.



Get career ready from day one

Designed with your next step in mind, our courses help you build real-world skills, confidence and experience so you're ready for work, an apprenticeship or university.

* Latest National Achievement Rates Tables.

** Latest Internal Progression Data.



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

Data sourced from Lightcast April 2025.

Careers information



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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.



Wythenshawe



Get Directions



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.

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



Leighton
Level 3 Animal Management



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 career-ready, 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 part-time or full-time jobs with their placement provider!

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



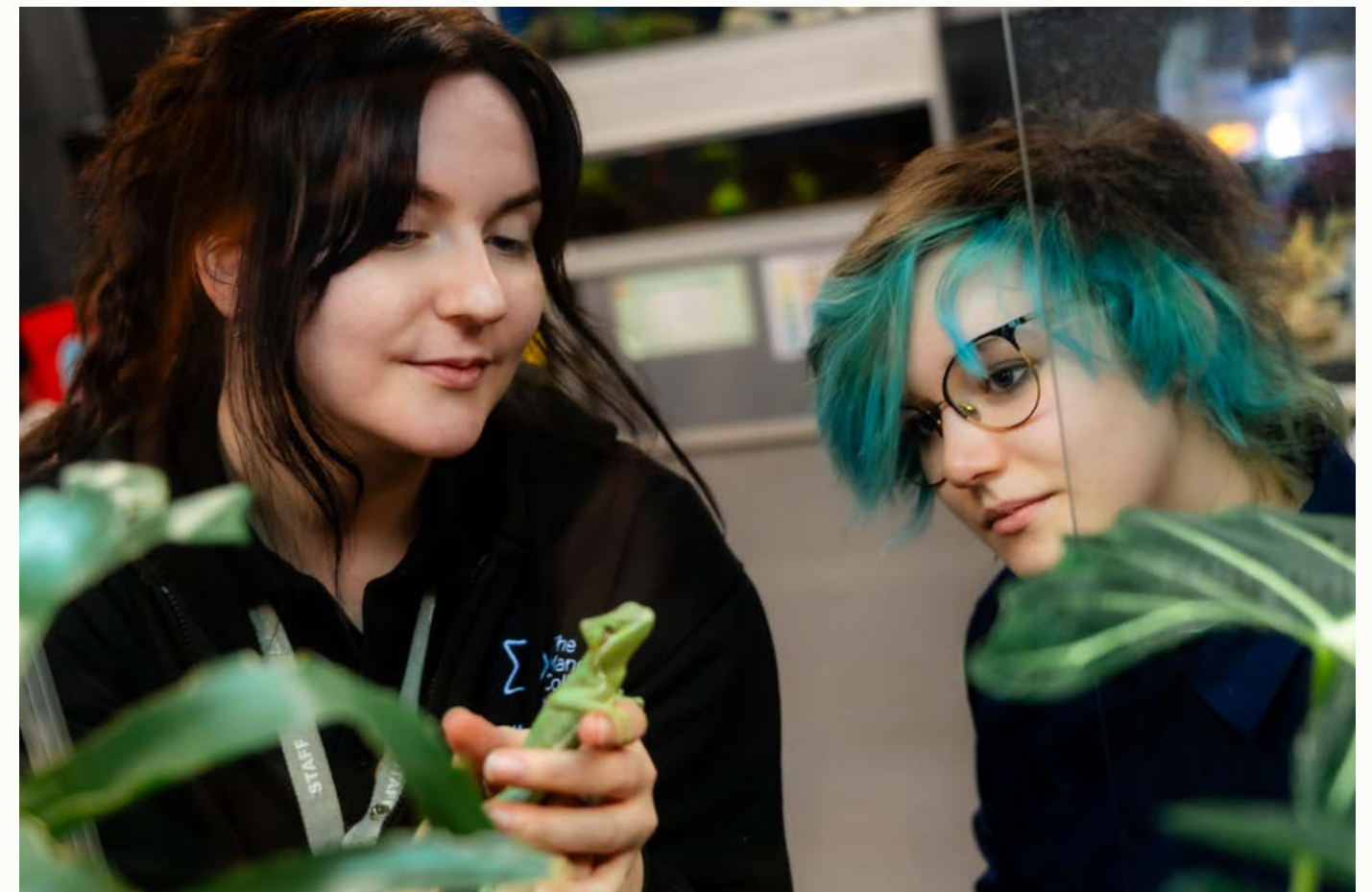
Discover where animal management can take you

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.



What you can study

We offer qualifications from Level 1 to Level 3. If you haven't already obtained a Grade 4 GCSE in English or maths, you'll also work towards achieving this alongside your main course.

Types of qualifications



T Levels

Developed in collaboration with employers, T Levels are career-focused technical programmes that provide young people with a high-quality alternative to A Levels.

For more information visit tmc.ac.uk/tlevels

- ➔ 2-year programme
- ➔ Equivalent to three A Levels
- ➔ 45-day industry placement
- ➔ 11 subject areas.



Other Technical Qualifications

Our wide range of technical and creative qualifications equip you with the skills you'll need to progress. This includes BTECs and UALs.

- ➔ 1 or 2-year programmes
- ➔ Work placement
- ➔ Levels 1-3
- ➔ 20 subject areas.



T Level Animal Management and Science T

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 2 | Wythenshawe | 1 year

Our Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Management 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.



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.



- 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.



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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

Your next steps

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.



Open events

Come and see what makes us the number one College in Greater Manchester* for yourself.

Open events are the perfect place to speak to our tutors, explore our amazing facilities and chat to our support teams.

School Leavers

Tuesday 6 October
5-7pm

Saturday 14 November
10am-1pm

Thursday 4 March
5-7pm

Adults

Thursday 20 May
5-7pm



Book your place
tmc.ac.uk/events



* National Achievement Rates Tables.





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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 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.

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