

## City & Guilds Animal Care - Farm Animals & Small Animals Level 2



### In a nutshell

From dogs to birds, geckos to chinchillas, and sheep to donkeys... if you're an animal-lover, Coleg Gwent is for you!

This one-year, full-time course gives you the knowledge and skills to work with a range of animals, including farm animals, small animals, reptiles, aviaries and mammals. You'll have the opportunity to specialise in a farm, agricultural, and countryside route; a small animal route; or a grooming and caring route. So whatever your passion, there's a pathway for you.

### This course is for you if...

- ... You're interested in farm animals and agriculture, small animals, grooming and behaviour
- ... You want to gain hands on experience working with a variety of animals
- ... You want a combination of classroom study and practical work

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... You'd like a career working with animals

... You're an animal-lover with a passion for creatures great and small!

## What will I be doing?

This is an academic course, supported by a reasonable amount of practical work with animals. You'll also get the opportunity to develop skills through a one-week work placement.

You'll study a range of subjects linked to agriculture and countryside / small animals / dogs & grooming). For example, you'll explore:

- Estate skills
- Habitats
- Animal accommodation
- Animal feeding
- Caring for farm livestock
- Animal health
- Grooming
- Work experience
- Animal behaviour
- Horse care

You'll also have the opportunity to work with equipment and machinery, including tractor driving on the farm and basic maintenance, fencing and hedge repairs, and grooming equipment, to develop the skills required to work with animals.

During the practical sessions, you'll work with animals in our well-stocked Animal Care Centre at Usk campus, which houses a range of animals from ferrets and chipmunks, to snakes and spiders. You'll also work with the sheep and cattle on The Rhadyr Farm, and horses at the Equine Centre at the Usk Campus.

The course is assessed through practical and written assignments to demonstrate your competence and understanding. on completion of the course, you'll achieve the following qualifications:

Level 2 in Animal Care

[Skills Activities](#)

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## Maths and English

Other relevant qualifications to enhance your skill set

### **What is expected of me?**

To apply for this course, you'll need:

a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade D or above, including either Maths/Maths Numeracy or English/Welsh First Language

OR an appropriate Level 1 Diploma qualification in the relevant vocational area, to include either GCSE Maths/Maths Numeracy or English/Welsh First Language grade

Full commitment to participation and attendance is required, as well as respect for others, enthusiasm for the subject, respect for animals, and self-motivation.

You'll be expected to participate in all practical sessions with the animals and hand in all assignments on time, and you'll be continually assessed, with an expectation that you'll continue your studies and coursework/work placement during your own time.

### **What comes next?**

After completing this course, you'll be qualified in level 2 Animal Care. The next step is the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (with Science), or you can go onto employment in related industries such as grooming parlours, pet stores, veterinary practices, catteries, farms and kennels.

### **Additional information**

Before joining this course, you'll need to have an up-to-date tetanus injection prior to working with the animals.

For Health and Safety, you'll also need to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) before working with the animals. This includes:

- a navy blue lab coat
- steel toe cap wellingtons
- navy blue overalls
- a bag to carry your PPE in

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The approximate cost of the equipment is £40 and these items should be purchased before commencing your course.

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