

In this course you will gain skills and knowledge about how to catch and handle various types of animals, assist in the care of animals, the dietary requirements for different animals, job opportunities and work experience in the animal care industry.

Competencies: A total of seven (7) units of competency must be achieved for the full certificate (5 core and 2 elective), which can provide up to 30 Stage I SACE Credits.

| National Code | Unit Name** | Nominal Hours |
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| CORE | | |
| ACMGAS101A | Investigate job opportunities in animal care & related industries | 10 |
| ACMGAS202A | Participate in workplace communications | 20 |
| ACMGAS102A | Catch and handle a range of quiet animals | 40 |
| ACMGAS103A | Assist in the care of animals | 40 |
| ACMOHS201A | Participate in occupational health and safety processes | 40 |
| ELECTIVE | | |
| ACMGAS210A | Prepare for and conduct a tour or presentation | 30 |
| ACMGAS201A | Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices | 20 |
| Total Hours: | | 200 |

** Sample of units which may be subject to change depending on providing RTO.

Work experience: A minimum of 15 hours is required at an animal care facility. The facility must provide access to at least two species of companion animals.

Course pathway on completion:

- Traineeship & Apprenticeship
- Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Opportunities to work in a veterinary practice, pet shop, boarding kennel or animal welfare organisation