Animal Management and Land-based Industries

HN Flex Animal Management

Campus: Dearne Valley College
Code: D04HE02
Type: Part Time

About This Course

HN
Flex
is a flexible, modular study mode for Higher National (HN) qualifications (such as HNCs and HNDs) in the UK Further Education and Higher Education sectors. HN Flex allows students to study individual units or “bite-sized” short courses from established Level 4 (Certificate) and Level 5 (Diploma) qualifications without having to commit to a full degree programme upfront.

What Will I Study?

Modules offered for Animal Management:

Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Animal Management (Animal Behaviour and Welfare):

- Unit 1 – Animal health and welfare – 15 credit
- Unit 2 – Business and business environment – 15 credits

- Unit
  3 – Managing a successful project – 15
  credits

Level
5 Higher National Diploma in Animal Management (Animal Behaviour and Welfare):

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Unit
25 – Anthrozoology – 15
credits

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Unit
33 – Breeding and genetics – 15
credits

- Unit
  23 – Biological principles – 15
  credits

Why Study Here?

Practical, Industry-Relevant Learning

At Dearne Valley
College, you will gain hands-on experience working with a wide range of
domesticated and exotic animals within our specialist Animal Management Centre.

Practical learning is embedded throughout the course to prepare you for real industry environments.

Specialist Facilities

Our facilities include specialist animal housing, enrichment areas, and practical learning spaces that support the study of animal welfare, behaviour, husbandry, and conservation.

Expert Tutors

You will be taught by experienced tutors with higher education qualifications and industry experience in animal management, welfare, and behavioural sciences. Their knowledge and support will help you develop both academically and professionally.

Career and Higher Educaution Progression

The HN Flex option provides recognised higher education credits that can support progression into employment or further study in animal-related subjects.

Supportive Learning Environment

We provide personalised support and guidance to help all learners succeed, develop confidence, and achieve their academic and career goals.

Entry Requirements

Applicants are typically expected to have:

- A relevant Level 3 qualification in Animal Management or a related subject
- GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade 4/C or above (or equivalent)
- Appropriate industry experience may also be considered

All applicants may be invited to attend an interview to discuss suitability and progression goals.

How To Apply

Apply through the college website and complete an online application form.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

Successful
completion of the HN Flex modules can lead to progression
onto:

- HND Animal
  Management or related subjects
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Degrees in
Animal Welfare, Animal Behaviour, or
Anthrozoology

- Full
undergraduate degree programmes at university

Possible Degree Pathways

-
Animal
Behaviour

- Animal Welfare
Science

- Zoology

- Wildlife
Conservation

- Veterinary
Nursing

- Animal
Management

- Anthrozoology

Career Opportunities

This qualification can support careers within:

- Animal Welfare Organisations
- Rescue and Rehabilitation Centres
- Zoos and Wildlife Parks
- Animal Care and Management
- Conservation Projects
- Pet Behaviour and Welfare Services
- Animal Nutrition Support Roles
- Kennels, Catteries, and Boarding Establishments
- Farm and Livestock Management

Additional Information

These Animal Behaviour and Welfare modules are designed for learners who:

- Are passionate about animal welfare and behaviour
- Wish to progress into higher education or employment in the animal industry
- Enjoy practical, hands-on learning alongside academic study
- Want to develop specialist knowledge in animal care, nutrition, husbandry, and conservation
- Are interested in understanding animal interactions within society and improving animal wellbeing

This course is suitable for school leavers, adult learners, and those currently working within the animal sector who wish to gain a higher education qualification.

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