



Level:	Advanced Apprenticeship (Level 3)
Typical Duration:	12 Months
Delivery Model:	Work-based
Delivery Location:	North West Only
Start Date:	Throughout the year



Introduction to the Programme

These programmes cover a range of Animal Care skills and related practices. The main objectives of the courses are to ensure the development of practical skills, related background knowledge including health and safety issues and procedures. This is a practically based course aimed at developing the necessary skills and experience ideal for those working or seeking to work in a more supervisory capacity within the industry.



Duration

This apprenticeship will typically take 12 months to complete. The length may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in the land-based engineering sector.



Entry requirements

Employers set the selection criteria for their apprentices. Typically, this will include a minimum of 5 GCSE's at Grade 9-4, or equivalent, including English and Maths. Apprentices without level 2 Functional Skills will need to achieve this level as part of their apprenticeship.

In addition, it is desirable that the apprentice has a basic understanding of Information and Communication Technology.



Costs

Costs will be dependent on several factors such as age of apprentice and size of employer. The cost may be altered if the apprentice has already gained knowledge and skills working in the land-based engineering sector. Please contact us for more information.



Delivery Location

Delivery is work-based using blended learning technologies on the employer's premises. There is an expectation that 20% of the working week will be off the job training, which is a legal requirement.



Topics Covered

Throughout the programme, apprentices will work towards learning a selection of the following units:

- Mandatory Units –
 - Implement, monitor and evaluate plans for the health and welfare on animals (6 credits)
 - Promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security of the workplace (6 credits)
 - Plan the handling and restrain of animals (4 credits)
 - Plan, supervise and control the movement of animals (4 credits)
 - Plan the accommodation of animals (4 credits)
 - Monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals (4 credits)
- Choice of either Group A or Group B:
 - Group A –
 - Plan diets and feeding regimes for animals (6 credits)
 - Monitor and evaluate the feeding of animals (3 credits)
 - Group B –
 - Load and unload animals for transportation (3 credits)
 - Establish animals in a new environment (3 credits)
- Examples of optional units –
 - Promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of animals (4 credits)
 - Welcome, receive and care for visitors to sites (3 credits)
 - Handle animals to enable them to work effectively (6 credits)
 - Care for animals after they have worked (4 credits)
 - Provide advice and guidance on the choice and care of animals to prospective keepers (7 units)
 - Assess the suitability of new environments for the placement of animals (7 credits)
 - Provide information on how to maintain the behaviour, health and welfare of animals (2 credits)
 - Recognise and interpret the behaviour of animals (4 credits)
 - Sell over the counter medicines and treatments for the care of animals (7 credits)
 - Organise the receipt and storage of goods in a retail environment (11 credits)
 - Help customers to choose products in a retail environment (8 credits)



Assessment

You will be assessed throughout the programme. These grades will be aggregated into one overall qualification. The grading applies to the overall qualification and all elements must be passed to achieve the qualification



Progression

Apprentices successfully completing the Advanced Apprenticeship have opportunities to progress within the industry by continuing onto Higher Education.

Typical jobs apprentices will be able to progress onto on completion of the Advanced Apprenticeship will depend on the qualifications and experience gained, but could include a range of roles within kennels and catteries, pet stores, grooming parlours, vets, animal collections / sanctuaries.



How to apply

In order to start the enrolment process we need an **Online Application Form** to be completed & submitted. You can do this by contacting the Employer Services Team.

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Website: www.myerscough.ac.uk