NC Animal Care  (SCQF Level 5)  
Full-time

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Welcome from Head of School

As the current Head of School, I would like to welcome you to the School of Service Industries at North East Scotland College.

The School of Service Industries includes Care, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Sport, Animal Care, Social Sciences and Learning Opportunities. This broad range of subjects has one common theme — they each offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future.

We are very fortunate in that our excellent teaching facilities allow each and every student to experience industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study.

We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join — or consider joining — one of our courses.

Joan Thorne, Head of School for Service Industries

Introduction to the course

This course is suited to those who wish to achieve an animal care qualification in order to progress towards further study, or those who have a genuine interest in animals and want to develop their skills further. You will work closely with a range of different animals, allowing you to gain valuable, hands-on experience which will give you a real taste of what it’s like to work in the animal care industry.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have completed the Introduction to Animal Care course or have achieved National 5, Intermediate 2 or Standard Grade Credit level qualifications. All applicants should have a genuine interest in working with animals and be prepared for the written work associated with this award.

What subjects will I be studying?

- Animal Care: Health Care
- Animal Care: Accommodation and Handling
- Animal Care: Avian Care
Assessment methods

This course is assessed on a continuous basis, with an end-of-course examination in Anatomy & Physiology and Cell Biology. Coursework takes the form of short tests, reports and practical work. The assessment of student work is undertaken by College staff, and all candidates will be given regular updates on their progress.

Dress code

Students are required to wear steel toe cap boots or wellingtons waterpoofs, and a boiler suit for all practical activities.

Equipment

Equipment lists will be provided to each student.

Course progression

Those who successfully complete this course can progress to the HND Animal Care or the City & Guilds Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Small Animal) course.

Whether or not you can progress will depend on success, grades and attendance.

University links

North East Scotland College has links with 11 different universities across Scotland. Every one of our HND level courses has articulation opportunities where you can progress from your chosen course to a related university degree. This is an excellent option for those who may want to come to College at an introductory level, and then work their way towards degree level study.

For more information on our associate universities, please visit the University Links section on the website.

University progression

This course does not articulate directly to university.

Employment

Common employment opportunities at this level include work as a Kennel/Cattery Assistant, work in pet retail or work in grooming parlours/dog walking.

Useful information
Faculty: Animal Care

School: School of Service Industries

Faculty Manager: Trish Swan
Email: p.swan@nescol.ac.uk

Curriculum & Quality Manager(s): Heidi Douglas
Email: h.douglas@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance and Support

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided, where possible, with detailed feedback. This will allow you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement, which is essential for your educational development. For matters outwith your course, we have a number of teams in place to help you with the following:

- Careers and Employability
- Student Funding
- Learning Development Centre
- International Guidance

For information on any of the above or to arrange an appointment, please contact:

Student Services
Email: studentservices@nescol.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 612284

Blackboard and StudentNet

Blackboard is a Virtual Learning Environment that enables access to teaching and learning resources via the Internet. We use it to assist and support the delivery of our classes across all full-time and many of our part-time & distance learning courses. The aim of Blackboard is to enhance the quality of our courses and your learning experience. As a student making use of Blackboard, you'll encounter a number of benefits from this state-of-the-art learning environment including:

- Quick access to course materials such as handbooks, lecture handouts, interactive quizzes, informative videos and web links
- Electronic submission of coursework and easy access to online assessments
- Access to information like assessment deadlines, class timetables, announcements and course calendars
• Fast communication with other learners and your lecturers using journals, blogs or wikis

Best of all, it will increase your experience of using Information and Communications Technology – a key skill for your educational and professional development.

A key component of Blackboard is StudentNet, an area dedicated to students. Here you will find a host of useful information such as College news & events, support team information, IT help, links to course timetables and more. You can also use it to access your College email account and Library+ resources.

To log into Blackboard your username is your eight-digit student number (e.g. 12345678) which is also used in your NESCol email address (e.g. 12345678@nescol.ac.uk). For some forms on StudentNet you must login using your email address as the username, but this will be clearly marked where required. The password will be the default password you were issued with, or the password you have used to replace the default.

**BYOD and Student Helpdesk**

North East Scotland College has a number of computing rooms and IT services to support particular courses, however on many courses you will be encouraged to bring your own personal device, such as a laptop or tablet - we call this Bring Your Own Device or BYOD. You will be advised by College staff what the arrangements are for the course you have chosen to study.

If you are asked to supply a laptop or netbook and you have difficulty in meeting the cost, please arrange to see a Student Funding Assistant to discuss your options by contacting:

**Student Services**
Email: studentservices@nescol.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 612284

The Student Helpdesk is situated next to Dino's Café in our Aberdeen City Campus. It is run by computing students who are there to help and advise you on a number of IT related issues. You can visit in person along with your device, or get in touch:

**Student Helpdesk**
Email: studenthelpdesk@nescol.ac.uk
Tel: 01224 612510

**Library+**

There are four Library+ sites at North East Scotland College. You'll find them at our Aberdeen City Campus, Aberdeen Altens Campus, Aberdeen Craibstone Campus and Fraserburgh Campus. So, what will you find in a Library+? To put it simply, probably more than you think! Our Library+ is not just a lending library with thousands of books on offer. Amongst our resources, you'll find:

- PCs and Macs
- Laptop friendly work areas
- Core skills materials
- Books and Journals
- Newspapers and Magazines
- DVDs and Audio CDs
- E-resources and general reference
- Private study and research booths
- Printers, Scanners and Photocopiers
- Online services area available via the College’s virtual learning environment, Blackboard.

Whether you're on or off campus, the Library+ offers an outstanding service. Our friendly, knowledgeable staff offer student support when it comes to a range of information skills such as referencing, research, searching for information and appraising information - allowing you to really make the most of your study time. Our Library+ teams can answer any questions or queries you might have, so simply call into a Library+ site or see below for contact details.

Email: library@nescol.ac.uk

**Aberdeen City Campus Library+**
Tel: 01224 612138
College calendar

Have a look at our College Calendar for further information on key dates throughout the year.

Disclaimer: Please note that the information put forward in this course specification document is subject to change at any time, and without prior notice. We have taken every care to ensure that the information provided is as accurate and up-to-date as possible, but we are not liable for the content of or any omissions on this document. This includes any inaccuracies, errors or misstatements in the information/data presented.