Taronga Training Institute
Indigenous Scholarship in
ACM20110 Certificate II in Animal Studies

Information for Applicants

Description
Taronga Training Institute is offering a seven (7) month Indigenous scholarship in Certificate II in Animal Studies. This course is for those who are interested in the animal care industry and/or pursuing a career as a keeper in the animal care industry. Typical duties of Keepers in the animal care industry include the daily care of animals including preparing animal diets; feeding; training and conditioning; monitoring and maintaining health; capturing, restraining and assisting in moving animals; monitoring reproduction; maintaining animal exhibits; monitoring behavioural needs; implementing improved husbandry; and assisting in animal collection management. Keepers also interact with the public, providing educational information and experiences to visitors.

This Scholarship covers:
- Enrolment fees for the Certificate II in Animal Studies course only (classroom sessions, course material and intern keeper experience).

This scholarship does not cover:
- Accommodation;
- Travel expenses;
- Protective Clothing;
- Wages of any kind
- Stationary; or
- Other.

The TCSA employs an Indigenous Education Officer that will be a support contact for the duration of the course.

Duration
The course is presented over a seven (7)-month period, with classroom sessions conducted once a week at Taronga Zoo, Sydney. Students are required to attend 10 practical industry days at Taronga Zoo to perform the daily duties of an intern Keeper under supervision. Students are also required to organise and participate in 5 practical industry days at another animal care facility. Students are required to undertake course work in their own time.
The start date for the 2014 course is 25th June or 26th June (two positions available)

Assessments
Course assessments are a combination of written answers to questions, reports, projects, observations of students performing tasks, and supervisor reports.

Units
The Certificate II comprises of 12 units (7 core units and 5 elective units) all of which must be successfully completed to gain the Certificate II in Animal Studies.
Core Units
ACMOHS201A Participate in occupational health and safety processes
ACMGAS201A Work in the animal care industry
ACMGAS202A Participate in workplace communications
ACMGAS203A Complete animal care hygiene routines
ACMGAS204A Feed and water animals
ACMGAS205A Assist in health care of animals
ACMSUS201A Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
Elective Units
ACMGAS206A Provide basic first aid for animals
ACMGAS210A Prepare for and conduct a tour or presentation
ACMGAS305A Rescue animals and apply basic animal care
ACMCAN311A Care for young animals
HLTFA301C Apply first aid

Content
The Certificate II course covers the essential duties of a Keeper in the animal care industry.

Included are the following topics:
- Working in an animal care environment
- OHS in an animal care environment
- Checking the general condition and health of animals
- Animal handling techniques
- Cleaning of animal housing/exhibits
- Providing food and water for animals
- Communicating effectively in the workplace
- Basic first aid for animals
- Food preparation for various animal species
- Animal rescue and restraint processes
- Presentations and tours

Pathways
Upon successful completion of ACM20110 Certificate II in Animal Studies, further study options are available. ACM30310 Certificate III in Captive Animals is currently offered by the Taronga Training Institute, and is recommended for those who wish to pursue a career as a Keeper in the animal care industry. Students can also explore options in Certificate III in Animal Technology, or Certificate III in Companion Animals.

Who is the course provider?
This Certificate II course is provided by the Taronga Conservation Society Australia’s Taronga Training Institute, which is a Registered Training Organisation. The Taronga Conservation Society Australia is a leading zoological institution and operates both Taronga Zoo (Sydney) and Taronga Western Plains Zoo (Dubbo).

Where is the course run?
The course’s classroom sessions are conducted weekly at Taronga Zoo, Bradleys Head Road, Mosman, Sydney. Students are also required to attend Taronga Zoo 10 days to perform the daily duties of an intern Keeper under supervision. Students are also required to participate in 5 practical industry days at another animal care facility.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)/Recognition of Current Competency (RCC)
TTI provides a process for assessing and recognising prior learning/current competency, this is the acknowledgement of an individual’s current skills and knowledge acquired through previous training, work and/or life experience. TTI provides a person eligible for RPL/RCC with an RPL/RCC Kit, which details the evidence which must be supplied by the individual to enable their competency to be assessed and determined by a qualified assessor of TTI.
Closing Date
The closing date for the Indigenous Scholarship in Certificate II in Animal Studies is:

Friday 21st March 2014.

All expressions of interest should be emailed, faxed or posted to;

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Student Selection Criteria
Your selection into this Certificate II in Animal Studies course will be based on the information provided by you in your ‘Student Selection Criteria’. This will be evaluated by the TCSA Aboriginal Education Officer and Taronga Training Institute Manager according to the following criteria.

1. Aboriginality (Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act of 1977). Please identify your heritage or community you belong to. (Preferably provide a written statement from your community elders or a description of your region and language group).

2. What prior education and training have you undertaken, which you think will assist you in completing the course? (Applicants must have completed NSW high school year 10 or equivalent). You may include documentation here.
3. In point form, state why you want to complete a course in Animal Studies, including your Career plan or goals. Include any other factors that are relevant to your application. Applicants should give the main reason(s) for wanting to do the course.

4. Give reasons why you think you would learn well in a classroom based environment.

5. Are there any special medical conditions or requirements that we need to take into consideration?

6. Do you participate in any other practices such as hobbies, sports, events, volunteer work? Or have any other additional background experiences to show your commitment in areas of Interest? Please describe your involvement.

7. Please attach any other information to support your application that may be taken into account in the selection process.