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ACM40321 Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Qualification Description

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge required for an animal trainer and/or animal training practitioner working with a specific species or across a range of species and workplaces where they are required to work closely with animal carers or owners (clients). The qualification provides options for individuals wanting to work in animal-assisted services, animal rehoming/adoption, rehabilitation roles, exhibited animal facilities or who specialise in conditioning or training different species.

The qualification is for individuals with experience in working with and caring for animals, to develop the skills required to interpret animal behaviour, apply animal learning theory, and to evaluate best practice conditioning and training methodologies and techniques to meet the welfare needs of animals, and to provide ethical services for carers/clients.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Packaging Rules

To achieve this qualification, competency must be demonstrated in:

- 16 units of competency:
 - 8 core units plus
 - 8 elective units.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome. The electives are to be chosen as follows:

- at least 4 from the electives listed in Group A
- up to 4 from the electives listed in Groups A, B, C or D not already selected
- up to 3 from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

At least 5 of the 8 electives selected must be coded at indicative AQF level 4 or above or reflect AQF level 4 outcomes or above.

ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour may only be selected if required as a prerequisite for *ACMEQU406 Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver*

Core Units

ACMBEH301	Identify behaviours and interact safely with animals
ACMBEH402	Develop, implement and monitor enrichment strategies for animals
ACMBEH403	Evaluate animal conditioning methodology and program design
ACMBEH404	Condition animal behaviour
ACMGEN303	Assess the welfare status of an animal
ACMGEN304	Promote positive wellbeing in self and others in animal care workplaces
ACMGEN402	Advise on animal industry compliance and practices
ACMWHS401	Maintain workplace health and safety processes

Elective Units

Group A General Animal

ACMARM407	Conduct community awareness programs
ACMBEH401	Develop, monitor and review behavioural husbandry strategies
ACMBEH405	Provide individual advice on animal behaviour management and training
ACMBEH406	Conduct group training classes for animal owners or carers
ACMBEH407	Conduct animal behavioural assessments
ACMBEH501	Work collaboratively to manage complex animal behaviour
ACMGEN305	Provide advice on companion animal selection and

	general care
ACMGEN309	Provide basic animal first aid
ACMGEN311	Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing
ACMVET411	Prepare, deliver and review animal care education programs

Group B Animal-assisted services

ACMAAS401	Manage animals and facilitate human-animal interaction in animal-assisted services
ACMAAS402	Apply disability awareness to animal-assisted services
CHCDIS010	Provide person-centred services to people with disability with complex needs

Group C Species-specific

ACMEQU205	Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
ACMPHR401	Interpret equine behaviour
ACMPHR403	Evaluate equine training methodologies
ACMEQU406*	Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver
ACMEQU407	Educate horses in initial handling
ACMEQU408	Educate horses to be ridden
ACMEQU409	Educate horses to be driven
ACMEQU410	Educate pack horses
RGRPSG402	Assess greyhounds for suitability to transition to a pet
RGRPSG404	Carry out greyhound adoptions
RGRPSG411	Interpret and manage greyhound behaviours
RGRPSH424	Re-educate horses to manage behaviours and/or transition to new purposes

RGRPSH425	Advise on transitioning and rehoming horses
SISOEQU007	Instruct horse handling skills
SISOEQU010	Identify hazards, assess and control safety risks for horse handling and riding activities

Group D General

BSBOPS404	Implement customer service strategies
BSBESB305	Address compliance requirements for new business ventures
BSBESB404	Market new business ventures
BSBESB406	Establish operational strategies and procedures for new business ventures
BSBESB407	Manage finances for new business ventures
BSBLDR414	Lead team effectiveness
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
TAEDEL301	Provide work skill instruction
TAEDEL402	Plan, organise and facilitate learning in the workplace
TAEDEL404	Mentor in the workplace

Prerequisite requirements

Note: Units listed in the Prerequisite requirement column that have their own prerequisite requirements are shown with an asterisk (*)

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
ACMEQU406* Manage selection of horse for new or inexperienced handler, rider or driver	ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour

Qualification Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACM40321 Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training	ACM40317 Certificate IV in Companion Animal Services	Redesigned qualification with a greater focus on animal training Title changed Number of units required to achieve the qualification increased from 13 to 16 Changes to packaging rules, core and elective units	Not equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>