

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4)

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🕒	1 year, full-time
📅	24 Feb 2025 (Petone)
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ANML4104 Companion Animal Practicum 1	15
ANML4105 Companion Animal Health and Hygiene	15
ANML4106 Companion Animal Clinical Assistance	15
ANML4107 Companion Animal Preparation for Practice	15
ANML4108 Companion Animal Practicum 2	15
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This programme will give you a qualification as an Animal Healthcare Assistant to support vet doctors and nursing professionals in clinical veterinary practice.

Programme outline

You'll learn about animal communication and behaviour, husbandry and hygiene, handling and restraints, infection control, interpersonal relationships and clinical effectiveness. Graduates of the programme will have the skills and knowledge required to work in the animal healthcare sector, to assist in the provision of healthcare for animal patients, working in collaboration with clients and interprofessional animal healthcare teams, and following protocols in all aspects of clinical veterinary practice or animal healthcare settings.

More detail about this qualification

This programme is delivered by blended learning, i.e. face to face and online learning. This means some of your lessons may be delivered via Moodle (our online learning platform), which will require you to have a computer and internet access at home.

Courses

Course code	Course name	Credits
ANML4101	Companion Animal Professionalism and Infection Control	15
ANML4102	Companion Animal Anatomy and Physiology	15
ANML4103	Introduction to Companion Animal Husbandry and Behaviour	15

Practicum

Practicum can take place at an animal facility such as catteries, boarding kennels or the SPCA with a minimum of 80 hours to be completed at a veterinary clinic. The total requirement is 240 hours of practicum to be completed within the duration of the programme. Work placement hours need to be arranged by you with the support of a work placement advisor. Ākonga will be advised of each practicum course requirement prior to the start of the course.

Entry requirements

To be admitted to this programme applicants must hold one of the following: National Certificate in Educational Achievement (Level 2) with Vocational Pathways Primary Industry endorsement; or National Certificate in Education Achievement (Level 3), or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Level 3) with strands in Companion Animals, Equine, or Rural Animals, or a relevant qualification at NZQF Level 2 or above, or a recognised equivalent.

How to apply

Complete the [health and criminal declaration form](#) and save to your computer so you can attach it when you complete the online application.

[Health and criminal declaration form](#)



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