

<b>Name of course</b>	<b>BTEC First Award in Animal Care Level 1/2</b>
<b>Examination Board</b>	<b>PEARSON</b>
<p><b>What is Animal Care?</b></p> <p>The BTEC First Award in Animal Care provides an engaging, robust, broad-based introduction to caring for animals. Learners can gain knowledge, skills and understanding through practical participation in animal care activities. This will allow them to become familiar with the language, skills and processes required to work in the animal industry. The BTEC philosophy of 'learning through doing' remains at the heart of these qualifications. Learners are given the opportunity to gain a broad understanding and knowledge of skills in animal care.</p> <p>Students will complete practical work at Oathall Farm by working with our traditional farm animals, including cattle, pigs, sheep and chickens. In addition, work and experience of smaller animals is required to complete all elements of the course.</p>	
<p><b>What skills will I learn?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-management: readiness to accept responsibility, flexibility, time management, readiness to improve own performance.</li> <li>• Team working: respecting others, co-operating, negotiating/persuading, contributing to discussions.</li> <li>• Business and customer awareness: basic understanding of the key drivers for business success and the need to provide customer satisfaction.</li> <li>• Problem solving: analysing facts and circumstances and applying creative thinking to develop appropriate solutions.</li> <li>• Communication and literacy: application of literacy, ability to produce clear, structured written work, and oral literacy (including listening and questioning).</li> <li>• Application of numeracy: manipulation of numbers, general mathematical awareness and its application in practical contexts.</li> <li>• Application of information technology: basic IT skills including familiarity with word-processing, spreadsheets, file management and use of internet search engines.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Content of the course</b></p> <p>Four units make up the qualification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Animal Health (externally assessed by examination)</li> <li>2. Animal Handling (internally assessed by coursework portfolio)</li> <li>3. Animal Welfare (internally assessed by coursework portfolio)</li> <li>4. Animal Housing and Accommodation (internally assessed by coursework portfolio)</li> </ol>	
<p><b>How will I be assessed?</b></p> <p>Three out of four units will be internally assessed and there will be one external examination.</p>	

**Particular issues for this subject**

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Students opting for Animal Care would need to provide themselves with suitable workwear; steel toe capped boots/wellies, overalls and gloves. Students must be prepared to work with animals whatever the weather and have a 'can do' approach to the wide ranging, practical and physical activities around the farm.

**Useful websites, etc.**

[BTEC Animal Care](#)

[www.Lantra.co.uk](http://www.Lantra.co.uk)

<http://www.oathall.org/farm-2/>

**Resources**

Students will be encouraged to join the Oathall Farming Club to further their skills, knowledge and experience.

For further information, please contact Mr Blackholly