# Zoological collections careers



#### CASE STUDIES

#### NIAMH ASPELL - AQUARIST AT SCARBOROUGH SEA LIFE CENTRE

I studied my level 3 Zoos and conservation course at ABC York. This gave me a real insight into aquatics and animal training for husbandry practices. As part of my study programme I completed my placement at Scarborough sea life centre which gave me a real insight into the industry and what my future career would entail. The placement also gave me the opportunity to demonstrate my passion for the industry and showcase myself to future employers.

Through the support and motivation provided to me by the staff at ABC I grew in confidence in my understanding of the industry and this led to me being offered a fulltime permanent position in a role I had only ever dreamed of having.

"My time at ABC was amazing as I got to meet and learn from people with similar interests and a shared passion".

#### TYPES OF CAREERS

- Zoo Keeper
- Animal trainer
- Aquarist
- Zoo Education officer
- Enclosure design
- Herpetologist
- Welfare officer



#### **OUR STUDY ROUTE**

Your Starting point would be dependent on previous qualifications and experience but could look something like:

- Level 2 Animal Care
- T-Level Foundation Year
- T-Level Behaviour & Welfare/T-Level Applied Science
- Management of Animal Collections and conservation
- BSc tops up available for FdSc programmes
   Depending on starting point
   3-7Years



### MATT GODDARD - ZOO KEEPER AT FLAMINGO LAND

I started my time at Askham Bryan studying on the Level 3 Zoos and conservation course. Whilst

studying on this course I developed a real appreciation for the industry and realised this was a subject I really felt I was good at. The level 3 really prepared me to progress to higher education through not only the subject material but also the other essential skills such as report writing and research.

After my level 3, I decided to continue my studies with the University Centre Askham Bryan where I completed the foundation degree in Management of Animal Collections and conservation followed by the BSc top up in Zoo Management.

My first job in the Zoo the community was found through my work placement as they hired me straight from my degree.

I loved my time at Askham Bryan, all the staff were really supportive and helpful. The skills and knowledge I learned really helped me develop my career, I don't think I would be in the job I am today without the support and guidance I received at Askham.

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# Ecology & Conservation careers

ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

CASE STUDIES

# VICKY HANDBY - CONSULTANT ECOLOGIST @ARCADIS

I joined Askham Bryan college on my Level 3 after visiting an open day and realising this was the right place for me such as it was so unique. Askham Bryan College helped me develop as a person and helped me find enjoyment in learning. The college set me up well to go onto higher education by giving me the knowledge and skill set me up well to go onto higher education by giving me the knowledge and skill alongside practical applications of them. The course also helped me manage my time, alongside practical applicational skills and furthered my education through self-study, an important aspect when going onto university.



Furthermore, through the variety of modules available it really helped me to find the particular subject I was most interested in.

The staff were also, one of the best things about the college as they were always friendly and respectful. They had a range of tutors from all different academic backgrounds who brought a variety of experience, knowledge & passion into what they were teaching, which makes a big difference to what you are learning! My time at Askham gave me experience, life lessons, life long friends and was the beginning of my path to my chosen career. I loved my time at this college and would like to thank all the tutors that helped me to get to where I am now.



## LYDIA MILLER - BIODIVERISITY ASSISTANT

My time at ABC set me up for my time at University through developing skills such as assignment writing, referencing and research skills, while also giving me key knowledge on ecological principles that I have used throughout my academic and professional career. The course suited my learning need through hands on experience surveying, working directly with native species and habitat management practices that has been invaluable to me moving forward into my dream career. It also allowed me to explore different routes that I could take for the industry and never forcing me to take a specific career. The lecturers and keepers always championed the ambitions you had for after the course. I loved my time at ABC, the learning was engaging and staff delivered it in a diverse way. Askham Bryan definitely helped me sow the seeds for where I stand now.

## TYPES OF CAREERS

Marine biologist,
Conservationist,
ecologist, field
researcher, ranger,
biologist

#### **OUR STUDY ROUTE**

Your Starting point would be dependent on previous qualifications and experience.
Our recommended pathway could look something like:

- Level 2 Animal Care
- T-Level Foundation Year
- T-Level Behaviour & Welfare/T-Level Applied Science
- Management of Animal Collections and conservation (FdSc) OR Management of Aquatics and conservation of oceans (FdSc) OR Wildlife and environmental management (FdSc)
- BSc tops up available for FdSc programmes
   Depending on starting point 3-7Years

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# Canine & Feline careers



CASE STUDIES



## ANNIE MORSE - VETERINARY NURSE

I studied my Level 3 Animal Management at ABC Saltaire campus. The biology unit really prepared me for my first year of university and gave me a great head start. I completed my work placement at a veterinary practice and this secured within me that this was the right career choice. At college I really started to develop my independence with support from the tutors.

My advice for anyone wanting to work in any animal industry would be to have determination and willpower as its not always easy but definitely worth it.



#### AMELIA HEGARTY - PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT @ PARAGON VETERINARY REFERRALS

I started my journey studying the level 3 at ABC Wakefield campus. On my level 3 the work placement element led to me being employed in a kennels which secured my passion to move forward in this industry and made me want to progress to HE study at UCAB on the FdSc Canine & Feline behaviour & Training. This course taught me how to interact and work appropriately and safely with dogs and cats, leading the my current position at the vets. I had good academic support throughout, helping me gain the experience I needed for future employment. I cant Fault Askham Bryan and had the most amazing 6 years studying there.



## SOPHIE BAMBROOK - ASSISTANT DOG TRAINER @SUPPORT DOGS

I studied my FdSc Canine &Feline behaviour & Training at UCAB. What sold the course to me was the excellent practical facilities, opportunities for lots of hands on practicals and the wide range of topics which gave me an insight into the dog training industry. I thoroughly enjoyed my studies with UCAB and would definitely recommend it.

## TYPES OF CAREERS

RSPCA inspector, RSPCA welfare officer, Kennel assistant, Animal behaviourist, Dog groomer, Rehabilitation centre, veterinary nurse

#### **OUR STUDY ROUTE**

Your Starting point would be dependent on previous qualifications and experience Our recommended pathway could look something like:

- Level 2 Animal Care
- T-Level Foundation Year
- T-Level Behaviour & Welfare/T-Level Applied Science
- Canine & Feline
  behaviour and Training
  (FdSc) OR Veterinary
  nursing (FdSc)
- BSc tops up available for FdSc programmes
  Depending on starting point
  3-7Years



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# Science & Research \*\* ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE careers

CASE STUDIES



## ZOE STEEL - ANALYTICAL CHEMIST @FERA SCIENCE LTD.

I started my studies at Askham Bryan college Wakefield campus on a Level 3 study programme. My time being at ABC felt like a family away from home. After I completed my level 3 I progressed onto the BSc (Hons) Animal Management & Science degree at UCAB. Whilst my career might not be specifically Biology/animal related during my studies I learned so many transferable skills that have been invaluable for where I am now. Out of all of my study years, my best ones were here and they set me up for a lifetime career in the science sector.

### RICHARD LEE-ROGERS - SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER

I started my studies at Askham Bryan College straight from School when I enrolled onto the level 3 study programme. I had always struggled at school and was quite anxious about starting a higher level course. Straight away I knew I had made the right step as the staff really supported me at college and showed me I had the ability to be successful. The support and guidance I received from my course manager gave me real direction in my life and it was the first time I felt like someone really had my back. During my time at college I made some amazing friends (most I still see to this day), had great experiences ad met some great tutors. This inspired me to stay on at Askham for my degree where I studied the Management of Animal collections and conservation degree. The teaching and support I received at Askham inspired me to progress into teaching so I could pass it forward by supporting other students to achieve.



### LAUREN ROBERTS - COURSE MANAGER VETERINARY NURSING/REGISTERED **VETERINARY NURSE**

I started my studies at Askham Bryan College post secondary school in 2015. I struggled in a secondary school environment and never classed myself as an academic, until I went to ABC. The guidance given to me from my course manager set me up for both my career but also in day to day life. I flourished at ABC and was always encouraged to succeed, it was the first itme in an educational setting l felt valued. The support I received on placement within veterinary practice was second to none and I qualified as a Registered Veterinary Nurse in 2018. After working in industry, I joined the college as a course manager within the veterinary nursing department in June 2023. I am now working towards a Level 5 teaching qualification and hope to inspire students in the same way I was. ABC will always feel like home for me.

#### **TYPES OF CAREERS**

Animal Welfare officer, veterinary nurse, laboratory assistant, researcher, Biologist.

#### **OUR STUDY ROUTE**

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- Level 2 Animal Care
- T-Level Foundation Year
- T-Level Behaviour & Welfare/T-Level Applied Science
- Animal Bioscience & Management (BSc) **OR** Animal Science with Management (FdSc) OR Veterinary nursing (FdSc)
- BSc tops up available for FdSc programmes Depending on starting point 3-7Years

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