

# ACM20121 CERTIFICATE II IN ANIMAL CARE

## AT CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY!

Applications are now open for an exclusive opportunity to study through Taronga Training Institute online and at Currrumbin Wildlife Sanctuary!

This educational partnership, between two of Australia's most respected animal collection organisations, delivers entry level training for the animal care industry.



### Course details:

- Study March to October 2026
- Learning and theory assessments completed independently online
- 16 onsite days at Currrumbin throughout studies:
  - o Regular scheduled onsite classroom days at Currrumbin to support studies with face-to-face trainer
  - o Four practical assessment days onsite at Currrumbin
- Regular group online video sessions will be scheduled with the trainer to support students with their studies
- Study in Year 11 or 12 OR in year 10 if turning 16 in 2026

### Why study with us?

- Classroom and onsite sessions at Currrumbin Wildlife Sanctuary to support independent online studies
- Support from a trainer who is an expert in the animal care industry and is a current Keeper
- Introductory course for those interested in a career within the animal care industry
- The Taronga Training Institute (RTO 91359) is a well-respected training organisation delivering accredited animal care and management courses across the country since 2008
- Currrumbin Wildlife Sanctuary: Queensland Major Tourism Attraction finalist/winner (2021-2025) and Queensland Training Awards Medium Employer winner (2022, 2024).

#### \*Notes:

- Students must have written permission from their school Principal/ Careers Advisor/ Industry Liaison Officer to participate in the course
- Speak to your school to establish if the course cost can be subsidised by the school
- Questions can be sent to [tti@zoo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tti@zoo.nsw.gov.au)

#### SCAN TO APPLY



**COST: \$3,870**

**\$2,950**

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**Applications close**

**10.00am 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**(or once capacity is reached)**

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## **FAQs**

### **Who is the registered course provider?**

Taronga Training Institute, Registered Training Organisation No. 91359, is the course provider. Taronga is a leading wildlife tourism attraction and operates both Taronga Zoo Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo. All qualifications gained will be issued by Taronga Training Institute.

### **How is this course assessed?**

Course assessments are a combination of written assessments, reports, case studies, projects, practical activities, observations of students performing tasks and supervisor reports.

### **What is a facilitated practical day?**

As a course requirement, all students must be assessed for specific practical requirements. In order to complete these requirements, it is necessary for students to be observed in a real working environment. A facilitated practical day involves students attending Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and completing these practical requirements under the supervision of a qualified assessor. Morning routines of keeping staff are followed which means students will need to be on site ready for commencement as early as 7.00am.

### **Do I have to wear a uniform?**

When on site, Taronga Training Institute students are required to wear the Taronga Training Institute polo shirt which is provided.

### **When do applications open?**

Applications are now open for students to complete selection criteria questions. Responses to these questions will be used in the vetting process before offers are made to successful students. Permission must be sought from the school Principal, Careers Advisor, or Industry Liaison Officer to participate in this course.

### **How much does the course cost?**

The full fee course cost is usually \$3,870, however, for 2026, TTI will discount this cost to **\$2,950**. Speak to your school to establish if this cost can be subsidised by the school. VETiS funding is not available for 2026.

### **What day of the week will the course run?**

The course will run every Friday (excluding school holidays) on an alternating Week A/Week B timetable.

#### **Week A**

9am – 1pm (onsite at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary)

#### **Week B**

9am – 10am (online via TEAMS) with the option for additional one on one time with the trainer.

**Please note:** Onsite days may vary on designated assessment days. Any changes will be communicated in advance.

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