

WELLINGTON



Work Experience at Wellington Zoo

Information for students enrolling in UNITEC's Certificate of Animal Management (CertAnMgmt) and seeking a work experience placement at Wellington Zoo as part of the course requirements.

Overview of the Programme

The qualification is a one-year distance-learning (correspondence) programme and is recognised as the minimum qualification for starting a career in the zoo industry within New Zealand.

A distance-learning programme requires students to be self-motivated and committed, and to have excellent time-management skills. The course requires students to attend at block courses (in Auckland), exams, practical assessments, to complete work experience and self-directed study and complete assignments throughout the year.

For more information, check out: http://www.unitec.ac.nz/social-health-sciences/natural-sciences/programmes_natu/animal-health-and-welfare/certificate-in-animal-management-captive-wild-animals.cfm

Applying for a Work Experience Placement at Wellington Zoo

Wellington Zoo offers up to 5 placements per year for students completing the CertAnMgmt. This is carried out 1 day per week over 35 weeks. (Feb- Nov)

To fill the placements, we require applicants to send in:

- a cover letter
- updated CV
- details table on the following page

The cover letter should contain responses to the following questions:

1. *Why do you want to gain the CertAnMgmt, and what do you want to do with the qualification in the future.*
2. *What are the 5 domains of Animal Welfare?*
3. *What do you think the role of a zookeeper entails.*
4. *Why do you believe Zoos are necessary in today's society, especially in New Zealand and what role do you think we will play in the future.*
5. *Briefly list any skills or prior experience that may be relevant to completing work experience at Wellington Zoo*

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Alternatively sent to: Work Experience Applications
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Applications are reviewed in late October, with a combination of Work Experience and Interviews timetabled in mid November. Based on the application, interview and trial candidates are then notified if they have been successful in securing a placement by late November.

Applications received after October 30th will not be accepted.

Successful Applicants

You will be notified if you have secured a placement by late November, where we will send notification to you and to UNITEC stating placement has been offered.

Students complete work experience one day a week, 8-5pm, every week from mid-February to November. All students must attend a 1-day orientation day prior to beginning their Work Experience, in February.

Applicant Details – please include in your application	
First Name	
Surname	
Address	
Phone (home)	
Phone (mobile)	
Email (preferred form of contact)	
Are you aware of any medical or health related conditions that we should be aware of during your time at the zoo?	

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