**Work Experience at Wellington Zoo**

Information for students enrolling in UNITEC’s Certificate of Animal Management – Zookeeping 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: https://www.unitec.ac.nz/career-and-study-options/animal-management-and-welfare/new-zealand-certificate-in-animal-management-zookeeping

**Applying for a Work Experience Placement at Wellington Zoo**

Wellington Zoo offers up to 5 placements per year for students completing the NZCAM Zookeeping. 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 explain why you are interested in completing NZCAM Zookeeping, what you think you could bring to your placement and any skill or prior experience that may be relevant.

Please send to: [workex.enquiries@wellingtonzoo.com](mailto:workex.enquiries@wellingtonzoo.com)

Alternatively sent to: Work Experience Applications

Wellington Zoo

200 Daniell Street

Newtown

WELLINGTON 6021

Applications are reviewed in mid October, with a combination of Work Experience and Interviews timetabled in early 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 11th 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.

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| 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?** |  |