The FdSc Canine and Feline Training and Behaviour aims to produce professionals who have practical skills and are critical and independent thinkers with specialist knowledge that enables them to work with canines and felines.

This programme covers the skills and knowledge required to work within the canine and feline industry. The key focuses are to develop an understanding of the behaviour, husbandry requirements and welfare needs of canine and felines, as well as the complex interactions that they have within society. There is also a high emphasis on training and managing the behaviour of both these species; which is important in all areas of this industry.

**MODULES**

Year 1 (Level 4) Core Modules include:
- Academic and Professional Skills
- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Introduction to Business
- Canine and Feline Behaviour
- Human and Animal Interactions
- Canine and Feline Welfare

Year 2 (Level 5) Modules include:
- Skills for Research
- Business Enterprise
- Problem Behaviour Management
- Applied Animal Training
- Learning and Cognition
- Industry Skills and Training Classes

**PLACEMENT**

This programme requires students to undertake 300 hours of work placement, 150 of which will be undertaken on site in the college kennels and cattery. These hours will be completed in the first year on a rota including some weekends, evenings and holidays to maintain the high welfare standards for the animals on site.

*Subject to validation*
Second year work placement is completed with an external provider which is arranged by the student. All work placements are subject to a health and safety check by the college to ensure that placements are suitable and safe.

ASSESSMENT
Assessments will be designed to give students the opportunity of performing tasks that they would be asked to do in employment. There are a range of assessment methods used, including reports, case studies, presentations and exams. Typically each module involves two assessments.

IN COURSE COSTS
Students will be required to have PPE in the form of overalls, steel toe boots and a white lab coat before starting the course.
Also students are typically provided with the opportunity to take part in international study tours to a variety of locations. Previous study tours run by the University Centre include South Africa, Peru, Tenerife, Italy, Paris, London and Scotland.

AFTER THE COURSE
On successful completion, students may wish to consider progressing onto one of the University Centre’s four top-up courses, allowing students to graduate with a BSc or BSc(Hons) degree.
Students alternatively may wish to consider careers in a variety of industries focused on consultancy, advisory work, animal health and or animal charity work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should have achieved 48 UCAS points plus 5 GCSEs including English, Maths and Science at grade C/4 or above. In addition applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of one year of Level 3 study and/or have significant industry experience. Equivalent qualifications may be accepted in lieu of GCSEs. An initial assessment process may be used to inform the College of your current status.
Some students may be asked to attend an interview.
We welcome external applications with advanced standing and accreditation of prior learning (APEL) which will be discussed upon application.