



This one-year program prepares students for a career in caring for animals. Students will learn animal behavior, animal biology, horticulture and exhibit design/construction.

Credential Opportunities:

Students who successfully complete our Career Start program will earn credit towards certificates and/or an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degree at PPSC.

Desirable skills and aptitudes:

Science, math, good verbal and written communication and English composition.

Career Opportunities:

Apprentice Zoo Keeper
Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation
Animal Nutritionists
Zoologists & Wildlife Biologists
Animal Husbandry Manager

Regional Job Openings:

142 Zoo & Animal Caretaking & Training jobs posted in Pikes Peak region*

*Lightcast Economic Data. Dec. 2023 – Nov. 2024

Courses Include:

1st Year

Fall Semester

ZOO 1010 Introduction to Captive Animal Management (2)
ZOO 1110 Advanced Exhibitory Techniques (2)
ZOO 1320 Veterinary Zookeeping (4)

Spring Semester

ZOO 1410 Invertebrate Zoology (4)
ZOO 2410 Aquatic & Terrestrial Invertebrate Husbandry (4)

2nd Year

Fall Semester

ZOO 1510 Fish Husbandry & Aquaria Management (4)
ZOO 1210 Exhibit & Horticulture Design for Zoo Exhibits (4)

Spring Semester

ZOO 1610 Herpetology (4)
ZOO 2610 Reptile & Amphibian Husbandry (4)