

# CAREER START

## Zoo Keeping Technology



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PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*This one or two-year program is designed to provide skills that will contribute to the growing knowledge and understanding necessary to maintain the world's zoological diversity. Students will explore a world that values wildlife and habitats. Students learn animal behavior animal biology, horticulture, and exhibit design/construction.*

### Career options include:

- Apprentice Zookeeper
- Lab Animal Care Worker
- Wildlife Recuse & Rehabilitation
- Veterinarian Assistant
- Ranch Assistant
- Kennel Assistant

### Desirable skills and aptitudes:

- Science and Math
- Good verbal and written communication
- English composition

Students are required to have a current TB (tuberculin) test within a specific time period prior to on-the-job training.

Students successfully completing college credit opportunities of this Career Start Program (1 or 2 years) will earn credit toward certificates and/or an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degree at PPCC.

### Associates of Applied Science Degree

#### Zoo Keeping Technology

31 of 65 required credits

#### Certificate Opportunities

- **Mammal Husbandry**  
13 of 13 required credits
- **Zoo Science**  
24 of 40 required credits

## COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES MAY INCLUDE:

### YEAR 1

- ZOO 101 Introduction to Zoo Keeping; Science Safety & Career Development of Zoo Keeping (2)
- ZOO 102 Primates: Prosimians & Monkeys (3)
- ZOO 107 Animal Behavior (3)
- ZOO 117 Animal Conservation (3)
- ZOO 122 Primatology: Captive Apes (2)
- ZOO 125 Mammal Husbandry (4)

### YEAR 2

- ZOO 104 Animal Training (2)
- ZOO 105 Reptile & Amphibian Husbandry (4)
- ZOO 115 Bird Husbandry (4)
- ZOO 206 Exhibit & Horticulture Design for Zoo Exhibits (4)
- BIO 103 Principles of Animal Biology (3)

For more information on Career Start,  
visit [ppcc.edu/Career-Start](http://ppcc.edu/Career-Start),  
or call 719.502.3111.

*The courses listed may not be an all-inclusive list of college credit opportunities nor may all courses be offered each year.*

*Course descriptions, certificates, and degree options can be found in the PPCC Catalog. Students must meet course prerequisites. For more information, visit [ppcc.edu](http://ppcc.edu).*