



**Animal
Behavior
Institute™**

Enriching their lives & ours

Zoo & Aquarium Science Certificate Program

Are you preparing for a career in zookeeping or with an aquarium? Do you want to learn how to manage, breed and care for exotic animals? Through our convenient and flexible **online** program we can give you the skills required for success in the exciting fields of zoo & aquarium science. Our tailored curriculum specifically prepares you for a career in zoos, aquariums, museums or wildlife centers.

What is Zoo and Aquarium Science?

The Zoo & Aquarium Science program provides training in the proper care and management of wild animals, including exotics and native wildlife. The curriculum covers conservation, husbandry, nutrition, disease, behavior, training, and public education. Our program provides you with the specialized training you need to succeed in the competitive field of zookeeping and conservation.

Our certificate program requires the completion of five courses:

- 1) Exotic Animal Conservation & Management
- 2) Husbandry and Recordkeeping
- 3) Animal Nutrition, Health & Disease
- 4) Environmental Education & Outreach
- 5) Elective in animal training or enrichment



Employment & Career Opportunities

Exotic Animal Management is a broad field encompassing a number of different animal careers such as:

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| *zookeeper | *enrichment specialist | *curator |
| *aquarist | *conservation biologist | *wildlife educator |
| *bird trainer | *veterinarian | *zoo researcher |
| *marine mammal trainer | *veterinary technician | *aviculturist |
| *outreach programmer | *lead keeper | *animal care technician |

The outlook for professionals in animal care and service is positive, positions in animal care overall are expected to grow faster than average for the next decade. However, competition for positions as zookeepers or aquarists is expected to remain keen (2004, source: US Department of Labor). The specialized training offered by ABI can give you the competitive advantage you need secure a position and advance in your field.

Let's Get Started!

Only five courses are required to complete the program! Class sizes are kept small (max. 8-10) to ensure quality interaction between students and faculty. Consequently, space is limited and we recommend registering early to avoid being shut out of a course. Detailed information on tuition, financing and course offerings is available online at animaledu.com. You may also contact our program staff at support@animaledu.com or toll free at (866) 755-0448, ext. 1