

Practical Experience Blackpool Zoo

The 1 week Practical Training programme at Blackpool Zoo includes both theoretical and practical learning with a focus on experiential learning. Blackpool Zoo is a 32-acre zoo located in Blackpool, Lancashire, England – this well regarded zoo provides excellent, well established practical training and is home to over 1,350 animals from all over the world including lions, tigers, elephants, gorillas, zebras, flamingos, penguins, ostriches, owls, tortoises and more.

The practical training is tailored to each small group and includes:

- Enclosure design (including Project Elephant)
- Primates – with a focus on enrichment and diets
- Education (including conservation and sustainability)
- Animal training/behaviour (specifically elephant and sea lion)
- Reptiles, Invertebrates – with a focus on specialist care
- Zoo administration: Including ZIMs, EEPs, Stud book management, Zoo licensing
- Research – this includes allocated time for personal project
- Direct contact with a number of key species including giraffes, penguins, prosimians, aardvarks, tapirs, sea lions.

This Zookeeper qualification is open to anyone aged 16 or over. No prior qualifications are necessary. Please note, accommodation and food is not included in the course fees. Course fees must be paid in full prior to attending the practical placement.

Next practical training dates: 2021

April 19th-23rd	May 17th -21st	June 21st – 25th
July 7th – 11th.	Sept 20th – 24th	Oct 11th-15th
Nov 15th-19th	Dec 6th-10th	

Next practical training dates: 2022

Jan 17th – 21st