

Zookeeping Qualification Practical Colchester Zoo

The 1 week Practical Training programme at Colchester Zoo includes both theoretical and practical learning with a focus on experiential learning. Colchester Zoo is a 60-acre zoo located in Colchester, Essex, England – this well regarded zoo provides excellent, well established practical training and is home to over 200 species from all over the world including African elephants, Amur tigers and leopards, chimpanzees and orangutans, flamingos, penguins, ostriches, Komodo dragons, Aldabra tortoises and more.

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

- Animal husbandry and management
- Animal enclosure maintenance
- Animal enclosure design activity with a focus on stakeholder needs
- Environmental Enrichment – designing, creating and implementing enrichment devices
- Primate and carnivore diet preparation and provision
- Conservation, education and research in zoos (including a personal project)
- Animal training – an insight into positive reinforcement training
- Specialist care of reptiles and invertebrates
- Licencing and records management at Colchester Zoo (Zoo record keeping with ZIMS training, introduction to zoo legislation and how it affects Colchester Zoo).

There will be involvement with numerous species including Primates, Reptiles, Carnivores and many more.

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: 2021-2022

2021 dates

Sept 20th – 24th

Oct 11th – 15th

Nov 22th - 26th

2022 dates

Jan 17th - 21th

Feb 7th – 11th

Mar 21st - 25th

May 9th – 13th

Jun 6th - 10th

Sept 19th- 23rd

Oct 10th – 14th

Nov 21st - 25th