

ANIMAL CARE AND TRAINING

Program Purpose: Students who complete the ANCT program will acquire the practical knowledge and skills to further wildlife conservation and animal welfare through the successfully performance of scientific observations, providing appropriate animal husbandry, and applying animal behavior modification to a wide variety of domestic and non-domestic animals. In addition, students will develop skills in critical thinking, communicating effectively, and working as a dynamic team member.

This program prepares students for a variety of positions in public and private animal parks, zoos and oceanariums and for careers in animal handling and training for the entertainment and wildlife education fields. Students receive education through a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on experience in the care, handling, and training of a wide variety of domestic and non-domestic animals. The Teaching Zoo on the college campus serves as a "living laboratory" where the students care for and work with the resident animals. Thus, this provides the student with a unique opportunity to learn about a wide variety of animals and to develop the necessary skills.

Application Procedures

Applicants will be selected in the Spring semester for admission into the Fall classes subject to available openings. The requirements, procedures, application dates and program offerings are subject to change. The most current information can be found at the college's website: <https://www.moorparkcollege.edu/departments/academic/exotic-animal-training-and-management> (<https://www.moorparkcollege.edu/departments/academic/exotic-animal-training-and-management/>)

Qualifying Requirements

Prerequisite college-level courses for application to the ANCT Program are¹:

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
Required Courses		
Language/Rationality:		
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4
or ENGL C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing - Honors	
Math Competency: Intermediate Algebra or higher		
Biological Science:		
BIOL M01	Introduction to Biology	4
or ZOO M01	Introduction to Zoology	
Communication:		
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
or COMM C1000H	Introduction to Public Speaking - Honors	
Health Education:		
HED M05 Safety and/or First Aid Course by accredited organization*		
Total Units		11

¹ Prerequisites courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

² Please note, College Algebra (Moorpark College MATH M05 College Algebra for STEM Studies (Units: 4)) or higher is required for transfer for a Bachelor's Degree. Courses equivalent to the Prerequisites above,

taken at accredited Colleges and Universities, will apply. Contact with a Counselor for equivalency determination.

Recommended General Education Courses

Due to the time requirements of the program and because many of the occupational opportunities in the animal field require a Bachelor's degree, it is strongly recommended that all applicants complete as many transferable general education requirements as possible prior to entering the program. The following courses meet the remaining Moorpark College general education requirements for the ANCT Associate in Science degree.

Course ID	Title	Units/Hours
Recommended Courses		
	Physical Science (Introduction to Chemistry course or General Chemistry)	5
	American History/Institution - U.S. History or US Government	3
	Fine/Performing Arts (Beginning Acting or Photography)	3
	Physical Education (Course of Choice)	1.5
Total Units		12.5

Program Requirements and Ethical Expectations

The ANCT program prepares the student for employment in the animal care industry, which often involves working with dangerous animals. During this course of study, the student will work with dangerous animals at the college's teaching zoo, as well as other animal facilities.

Therefore, students enrolled in the ANCT program are expected to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of the program in order to ensure the safety of the students, animals, staff, and public. Furthermore, all students are expected to maintain the highest personal and ethical standards of conduct consistent with professional standards as perceived by the program faculty and professional personnel at the facilities where students perform internships. Any information indicating that such standards are not maintained is subject to review by members of the faculty, which may result in disciplinary actions.

For successful completion of the ANCT program, a minimum grade of C is necessary in all courses required for the major. Because much of the ANCT program is sequential in nature, a minimum grade of C in each required course must be obtained before continuing to the next semester.

Performance Standards

In compliance with the 1990 American with Disabilities Act, the ANCT Program does not discriminate against qualified applicants with disabilities. These performance standards, reflected in specific ANCT course/program objectives, are to assist each applicant in determining eligibility and the need for accommodations or modifications. The ANCT Faculty in conjunction with the Moorpark College Health Services and community animal facilities will determine, on an individual basis, whether the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

Critical Thinking - ability sufficient for safe judgment: calculating, reasoning, analyzing, prioritizing, and synthesizing data. Perform tasks independently and make appropriate and timely decisions under stressful situations. Examples: identify cause/effect relationships in animal behavior and safety decisions.

Interpersonal - the ability sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups with diverse social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds; function effectively under stress. Examples: Establish

rapport with the public, effectively interacting and working as a member of a team.

Communication - abilities sufficient for effective verbal and written interactions. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using appropriate grammar, vocabulary and word usage. Examples: Explain animal behavior, teaching wildlife conservation, and document and interpret animal actions and animal responses.

Mobility - sufficient to rapidly walk the entire length of America's Teaching Zoo without interruption, run distances of 50 yards, maneuver in small confined spaces while reaching overhead objects. Examples: running to capture an escaped animal, shifting animal cages in overhead storage areas.

STANDING/WALKING - The student must be able to move forward, backward, and laterally on dirt, gravel, asphalt and cement while providing and managing animal care, gathering supplies and medications, obtaining and returning equipment. Approximate distance = 3 to 6 miles. It is also necessary for a student to have the capability of maintaining an upright position during many functions.

SITTING - The student must be able to sit while operating computers, answering the telephone, writing reports and documenting.

LIFTING - The student must be able to lift floor to knee, knee to waist, and waist to shoulder level while handling supplies (5-10 lbs.). Lift and transfer animal, equipment and supplies up to 6 inches from a stooped position, then push or pull the weight up to 3 feet. Lift and transfer animal crates from a stooped to an upright position. Average lifting requirement is 50 pounds. **CARRYING** - The student must demonstrate the ability to carry items at waist level.

PUSHING/PULLING - The student must be able to effectively move carts or wheelbarrows.

STOOPING/KNEELING - The student must demonstrate the ability to move to low enough positions to retrieve supplies or animals.

CROUCHING/CRAWLING - The student must demonstrate the ability to retrieve items or animals from under and behind items

REACHING/STRETCHING/TWISTING - The student must demonstrate the ability to extend their reach and move appropriately when cleaning or building enclosures, moving animals, reaching for supplies.

Motor Skills - gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective animal care. Examples: dexterity ranges from restraining a small bird or lizard to being able to stack bales of hay, lift 50lbs.

Hearing - ability sufficient to monitor and assess animal behavior and health needs and to heed emergency signals. Example: animal behavioral changes are frequently accompanied by vocalization, must be able to recognize these changes, hear cries for help.

Visual - ability sufficient for observation and visual assessment in well-lit and dimly-lit areas. Examples: observe animal responses and changes in condition, do a positive cage count of animals in varying conditions.

Tactile - ability sufficient for safe and humane handling of various-size animals. Examples: appreciation for the strength necessary for controlling a camel versus that for handling a rat, able to palpate the pulse rate of an animal.

Travel Expectations

Each ANCT student is responsible for his or her own transportation and travel expenses. A portion of the curriculum involves travel by students to Los Angeles Zoo, an approximate radius of 45 miles from Moorpark. Students may participate in field trips extending from one to several days. Additionally, students participate in several week-long internships located primarily in the United States, but there may also be opportunities abroad.

Program Costs

Most recent information is available on the website. Costs incurred by ANCT students include, but are not limited to:

- personal health examination
- immunizations
- uniforms
- equipment
- materials fees
- internship travel
- field trips
- tuition
- books and
- living expenses.

Animal Care & Training Courses

ANCT M01A Animal Care & Handling I 1 Unit

Formerly: EATM M01A

In-Class Hours: 17.5 lecture

Corequisites: ANCT M01AL. *Limitations on Enrollment:* Accepted to Animal Care and Training Program

Enrollment Limitations: Admitted to the program. Accepted to Animal Care and Training Program.

Introduces concepts of basic zoo keeping practices used in the husbandry of domestic and non-domestic animals. Includes topics such as U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations, record keeping, and the Teaching Zoo protocols with an emphasis on safety and sanitation.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

ANCT M01AL Animal Care & Handling Lab I 4 Units

Formerly: EATM M01AL

In-Class Hours: 210 laboratory

Corequisites: ANCT M01A. *Limitations on Enrollment:* Accepted to Animal Care and Training Program

Enrollment Limitations: Admitted to the program.

Provides students the opportunity to practice the application of basic animal care concepts in the care and handling of the animal population at the Teaching Zoo. Develops essential zoo keeping skills for the care of domestic and non-domestic animals through a "hands-on" approach.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

ANCT M01B Animal Care & Handling II 1 Unit*Formerly:* EATM M01B*In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M01A*Corequisites:* ANCT M01BL

Instructs students in basic animal care practices used in the professional husbandry of domestic and non-domestic animals. Includes topics such as restraint, enrichment, enclosure design and identification methods.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M01BL Animal Care & Handling Lab II 4 Units***In-Class Hours:* 210 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M01AL*Corequisites:* ANCT M01B

Continues to cover basic zoo keeping skills by providing the student with the opportunity to apply the theory and principles of animal care and handling with the Teaching Zoo's animals. Develops essential skills for the care of domestic and non-domestic animals through a "hands-on" approach. Provides the student with the opportunity to demonstrate the required proficiency to conduct large carnivore shifting procedure.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M02A Zoo Work Skills First Year Fall 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M02A*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory

Enrollment Limitations: Admitted to the program. Enrollment in the Animal Care and Training program.

Provides the first year/first semester student a hands-on living classroom for supervised on-the-job zoo keeping experience and skill practice in animal care and handling. Includes work assignments such as zoo operations team member, holiday and weekend zoo keeping, assisting with daily zoo operations, zoo maintenance and improvement projects, day watch with safety rounds, leading tours, and assisting with educational experiences.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M02C Zoo Work Skills First Year Spring 1.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M02C*In-Class Hours:* 78.75 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02A

Introduces the first year, spring semester student a hands-on learning experience in the living classroom of the zoo. Provides supervised on-the-job zoo keeping experience and additional skill practice in animal care and handling. Includes participating as team leader of an assigned area in the zoo, increased responsibilities for assigned animals, holiday/spring break zoo keeping, weekend area, zoo daily operations, maintenance and improvement projects, day watch with safety rounds, leading tours, and participating in educational experiences.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M02D Zoo Work Skills Second Year-Summer 2 Units***Formerly:* EATM M02D*In-Class Hours:* 105 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02C

Provides the second year summer session student a hands-on living classroom for supervised on-the-job intermediate zoo keeping experience and skill practice in animal care, handling and training. Includes work assignments such as conducting training sessions with assigned animals, participating as a zoo operations team member or leader, holiday/weekend zoo keeping, intermediate zoo daily operations, maintenance and improvement projects, day watch with safety rounds, and conducting tours.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M02E Zoo Work Skills Second Year-Fall 3 Units***Formerly:* EATM M02E*In-Class Hours:* 157.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02D

Provides the second year fall session student a living classroom for supervised on-the-job intermediate to advanced zoo keeping experience and skill practice in animal care, handling and training. Includes mentoring 1st year students working in the zoo and guest experiences, maintaining husbandry behaviors with assigned animals, participating as a zoo operations team member and leader, holiday/weekend zoo keeping, intermediate zoo daily operations, maintenance and improvement projects, day watch with safety rounds, and conducting tours.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None

ANCT M02F Zoo Work Skills Second Year-Spring 1.5 Units*Formerly:* EATM M02F*In-Class Hours:* 78.75 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02E

Provides the second year spring session student a living classroom for supervised on-the-job advanced zoo keeping experience and skill practice in animal care, handling and training. Includes practicing guest experiences and participating in zoo fundraising planning and efforts, mentoring 1st year students with manager positions and animal assignments, working as a zoo operations team member and leader, holiday/weekend zoo keeping, advanced zoo daily operations, maintenance and improvement projects, day watch with safety rounds and conducting tours.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M02G ANCT Animal Care Skills Review 1.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M02G*In-Class Hours:* 78.75 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02A

Enrollment Limitations: Admission to the ANCT program and approved by the ANCT Dept Chair.

Provides structured hands-on practice of animal care for returning Animal Care and Training (ANCT) students in animal care protocols, safety rounds, and guest experience. Utilizes the zoo as a hands-on living classroom.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M08 Applied Wildlife Conservation 2 Units***Formerly:* EATM M08*Same-As:* ANSC M08*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture

Develops global awareness and knowledge about wildlife, the environment, and conservation in zoos and in the wild. Examines human values related to wildlife, cultural and social interaction with wildlife, wildlife issues, and responsible human actions.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M09 Animal Behavior 3 Units***Formerly:* ANSC M04; EATM M09*Same-As:* ANSC M09*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture

Introduces the study of animal behavior with an emphasis on learning theory, especially classical and operant conditioning. Provides understanding on how to apply the concepts of ethology and behavior modification to the maintenance and training of animals under professional care.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M09L Animal Behavior Lab 0.5 Units***Formerly:* ANSC M04L; EATM M09L*Same-As:* ANSC M09L*In-Class Hours:* 26.25 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M09 or concurrent enrollment

Provides students with opportunities to develop skills in behavior modification and observational research. Requires students to demonstrate such skills through training a rat and conducting observational research on animals under professional care.

Catalog Notes: Student must be able to house and care for one or more domestic rats.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M12 Anatomy and Physiology of Mammals 2 Units***Formerly:* ANSC M06; EATM M12*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

Introduces a practical system-by-system approach to the basic anatomical structure of domestic and non-domestic mammals.

Discusses the physiological function of domestic and non-domestic mammals. Limitations on Enrollment: Accepted to Animal Care and Training Program.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None

ANCT M14A Projects I 0.5 Units*Formerly:* EATM M30D; EATM M14A*In-Class Hours:* 26.25 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02D

Provides student with experience at an animal facility such as a zoo, animal training/entertainment facility, conservation or wildlife education site, or a conference related to the animal industry. Introduces student to daily operations at such a site.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M14B Projects II 1.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M30D; EATM M14B*In-Class Hours:* 78.75 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M14A

Provides students with an in-depth experience at an animal facility such as a zoo, animal training/entertainment or wildlife education site. Further students' experience related to daily operations at such sites.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15A Wildlife Education I 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M15A*In-Class Hours:* 8.75 lecture*Corequisites:* ANCT M15AL*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

Introduces the student to the use of live animals for educational presentations in zoos and other situations. Focuses on public speaking, environmental education, interpretation techniques, and the handling of animals for presentations.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15AL Wildlife Education I Lab 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M15AL*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Corequisites:* ANCT M15A*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

Provides the student with the opportunity to develop public speaking skills, interpretation techniques, and animal handling skills appropriate for educational presentations in zoos and other situations. Creates opportunities to perform presentations to both large and small audiences and conduct tours of the Teaching Zoo.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15B Wildlife Education II 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M15B*In-Class Hours:* 8.75 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15A*Corequisites:* ANCT M15BL

Instructs the student in the use of live animals for educational presentations in zoos and other situations. Covers topics including messaging, public relations issues, nonverbal communication, and proper terminology.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15BL Wildlife Education II Lab 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M15BL*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15AL*Corequisites:* ANCT M15B

Provides students with the opportunity to develop wildlife education skills, including interpretation and animal handling techniques. Focuses on presentation skills before a variety of audiences and the conducting of tours of the Teaching Zoo.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15CL Wildlife Education III Lab 2 Units***Formerly:* EATM M16; EATM M15CL*In-Class Hours:* 105 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15B and ANCT M15BL

Provides a range of supervised educational experiences, including presentations, tours and up close animal experiences with audiences. Focuses on opportunities for students to practice educational and conservation messaging with the public. Provides students an opportunity to develop and perform a scripted show.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15D Wildlife Education IV 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M15D*In-Class Hours:* 8.75 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15B*Corequisites:* ANCT M15DL

Teaches the design, development and implementation of wildlife education outreach programs for audiences of various ages, cultural orientations, and developmental levels. Introduces students to the concepts of creating flexible plans specific to working with live animals and the transporting of animals to an outside venue. Focuses on the concepts of reading and engaging with all audiences.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None

ANCT M15DL Wildlife Education IV Lab 1 Unit*Formerly:* EATM M46; EATM M15DL*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15CL*Corequisites:* ANCT M15D

Provides second year Animal Care & Training (ANCT) students with the opportunity to develop and implement wildlife education programs for audiences of various ages, cultural orientations and developmental levels. Introduces students to creating educational and engaging content, bio-fact preparations and the safe transport and presentation of animals away from zoo grounds.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** Will be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15EL Wildlife Education Spring Spectacular Lab 1.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M16; EATM M15EL*In-Class Hours:* 78.75 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15CL

Provides a supervised Wildlife Education presentation involving interpretation of live animals for the annual Spring Spectacular event to be repeated over several weekends at the Teaching Zoo. Focuses on advanced animal handling, safety and training.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M15FL Wildlife Interpretation 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M15FL*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M15A

Provides students with a fundamental knowledge of wildlife interpretation, practical training in wildlife interpretation. Includes practical skills in creating interpretive programs.

Catalog Notes: Enables students to apply for the National Association of Interpretation (NAI) Certified Interpretive Guide certification; the NAI certification requires an additional fee.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M17 Animal Diversity 3.5 Units***Formerly:* ANSC M07; ANSC M07L; EATM M17*Same-As:* ANSC M17*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 lecture, 26.25 laboratory

Surveys invertebrate and vertebrate animals, both terrestrial and marine. Focuses on classification, general characteristics, adaptations, animal recognition, evolutionary history, and basic concepts of ecology.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU, UC**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M18 Animal Health and Safety 2 Units***Formerly:* EATM M18*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

Provides an introduction to the human health and safety issues associated with the keeping of animals in human care. Addresses the personal safety of the animal caretaker, as well as zoonosis concerns, animal escapes, and natural disasters. Presents the essentials of a preventive medicine program for animals with emphasis on procedures for proper hygiene and sanitation, quarantine, necropsy and routine medical screening and care, as well as occupational health programs for personnel.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M19 Animal Nutrition 2 Units***Formerly:* ANSC M03; EATM M19*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M18

Provides the student with a basic understanding of factors relating to the feeding of domestic and non-domestic animals under human care. Introduces the student to a basic understanding of the nutritional needs of animals under human care and in the wild.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M21A Animal Training I 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M21A*In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture

Prerequisites: ANCT M17 or ANSC M17, and ANCT M01BL and ANCT M09 or ANSC M09 and ANCT M09L or ANSC M09L or concurrent enrollment

Enrollment Limitations: Admitted to the program.

Introduces the students to basic techniques of animal training, including operant conditioning theory, record keeping, and developing a training plan. Concentrates on the history of animal training, reasons for training animals, and factors affecting training success and shaping of new behaviors.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None

ANCT M21AL Animal Training I Lab 2 Units*Formerly:* EATM M21AL*In-Class Hours:* 105 laboratory

Prerequisites: ANCT M21A or concurrent enrollment, and ANCT M09 or ANSC M09 and ANCT M09L or ANSC M09L and ANCT M17 or ANSC M17
Provides students the opportunity to develop basic animal training techniques through hands-on work with animals at the teaching zoo. Emphasizes behavioral observations, development of training plans, maintenance of training records, and shaping the behavior of one or more animals.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M21B Animal Training II 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M21B*In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M17 or ANSC M17 and ANCT M21A and ANCT M21AL*Corequisites:* ANCT M21BL

Presents animal training techniques used for the training of husbandry behaviors. Concentrates on desensitization for medical behaviors, protected contact training, training groups of animals, and the training implications of enrichment.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M21BL Animal Training II Lab 2 Units***Formerly:* EATM M21BL*In-Class Hours:* 105 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M21AL*Corequisites:* ANCT M21B

Provides students the opportunity to develop the skills needed to train husbandry behaviors through hands-on work with animals at the teaching zoo. Allows students to practice training animals in protected contact settings.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M21C Animal Training III 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M21C*In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M21B

Presents advanced techniques of animal training and studio animal training. Includes problem solving, career issues, complex training, and animal behavior management.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M21P Animal Training Practicum 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M21P*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M21B and ANCT M21BL

Provides hands-on experience in the training of animals. Requires students to develop training plans and work cooperatively with co-trainers, addressing training problems as necessary.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M23A Elementary Veterinary Care I 2 Units***Formerly:* EATM M23A*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M12*Corequisites:* ANCT M23AL

Provides the student with a basic understanding of veterinary medicine and veterinary care. Introduces the principles of safety and prevention of common diseases. Includes methods of diagnosis and treatment.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M23AL Elementary Veterinary Care I Laboratory 1 Unit***Formerly:* EATM M23AL*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M01B and ANCT M19 and ANCT M24*Corequisites:* ANCT M23A

Provides students with basic veterinary care experiences. Introduces methods of diagnosis and treatment to assist veterinary personnel with procedures in basic veterinary care.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None

ANCT M23B Elementary Veterinary Care II 2 Units*Formerly:* EATM M23B*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M23A and ANCT M23AL

Introduces musculoskeletal diseases of domestic and wild animals. Provides the student with an understanding of common diseases and methods of diagnosis and treatment.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M24 Avian and Herptile Care 1 Unit***Formerly:* ANSC M11; ANSC M60A; EATM M24*In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M12

Provides a basic introduction to the anatomy, physiology, husbandry, and emergency first aid of birds, reptiles and amphibians. Identifies how to find a veterinarian specializing in these species.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** CSU**UC Credit Limitations:** None**CSU GE-Breadth:** None**IGETC:** None**ANCT M26 Applied Primate Behavior 1 Unit***Formerly:* ANSC M60B; EATM M26*In-Class Hours:* 17.5 lecture*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

Introduces primate behavior and its application to successful handling and training of nonhuman primates. Includes comparison of new and old world primates and discussion of state and federal laws governing the care of primates.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M26L Applied Primate Behavior Lab 1 Unit***Formerly:* ANSC M60BL; EATM M26L*In-Class Hours:* 52.5 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M26

Focuses on observation and analysis of primate behavior at the Teaching Zoo. Includes the application and evaluation of operant conditioning and environmental enrichment techniques specific to nonhuman primates.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Field Trips:** May be required**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M27 Animal Ethical and Legal Issues 2 Units***Formerly:* ANSC M30; EATM M27*In-Class Hours:* 35 lecture*Enrollment Limitations:* Admitted to the program.

Introduces the ethical issues involving animal ownership and use in research, education, food production, exhibition, entertainment and animals as companions. Examines major animal rights groups, the legal issues relating to animal care and treatment, and the involvement of local to international regulatory agencies.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M30A Zoo Days I 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M30A*In-Class Hours:* 26.25 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02C

Provides students a short-term experience in zoo keeping at the Los Angeles Zoo. Builds skills related to day-to-day interaction with a variety of species.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M30B Zoo Days II 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M30B*In-Class Hours:* 26.25 laboratory*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02D

Continues zoo keeping training at the Los Angeles Zoo. Develops skills and protocols to enhance public and animal safety. Builds skills related to day-to-day interactions with various zoo species.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M34 Practical Résumés for Animal Professionals 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M34*In-Class Hours:* 8.75 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02D

Provides résumé and cover letter writing information and practice for specific animal-related careers. Focuses on the various styles as well as résumés in electronic format. Develops written personal résumés and cover letters using different formats.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None**ANCT M36 Effective Interviews for Animal Professionals 0.5 Units***Formerly:* EATM M36*In-Class Hours:* 8.75 lecture*Prerequisites:* ANCT M02D

Provides job interviewing information and practice for animal-related careers. Includes current interviewing styles, sample questions, legal parameters, and appropriate dress, demeanor, and responses.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded**Degree Applicability:** Applies to Associate Degree**AA/AS GE:** None**Transfer Credit:** None

EATM Course

EATM M122 Independent Study - Exotic Animal Training Management

0.5-3 Units

Formerly: EATM M22A

In-Class Hours: 26.25-157.5 laboratory

Prerequisites: Completion of one course in EATM and instructor approval

Allows independent study for students who wish to extend their knowledge of a particular area of Exotic Animal Training Management through research and study. Utilizes an approved independent project. Includes one-on-one work with instructor. Interested students should contact an Exotic Animal Training Management instructor for assistance in developing a contract for learning about a specific topic. Interested students should contact a EATM instructor for assistance in developing a contract for learning about a specific topic.

Grade Modes: Letter Graded, Student Option- Letter/Credit, Pass/No Pass Grading

Degree Applicability: Applies to Associate Degree

AA/AS GE: None

Transfer Credit: CSU

UC Credit Limitations: None

CSU GE-Breadth: None

IGETC: None

Associate in Science Degree

- Animal Care and Training, Associate in Science (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/moorpark/programs-courses/animal20care20and20training/animal-care-and-training-as/>)

Certificate of Achievement

- Animal Care and Training, Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/moorpark/programs-courses/animal20care20and20training/animal-care-and-training-coa/>)

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