



Sparsholt College, home of the National Zoo Academy and creators of the DMZAA qualification, is proud to introduce the brand new BIAZA supported **Zookeeper and Aquarist Apprenticeship!**

## JOIN THE EXPERTS

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Taught by leading industry experts from around the country, you'll meet for taught sessions across licenced UK collections to turn your knowledge into practice, make contacts, and build your own professional network.

## EARN AS YOU LEARN

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Using state-of-the-art online platforms, you'll be learning from the comfort of your own collection alongside putting your knowledge to the test. Monitored, practical tasks will contribute to an ever-growing digital portfolio to help you stand out from the crowd.

## THE KEEPERS COURSE

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Supported by quality learning materials that combine nearly two decades of experience with the most up-to-date information, the leading professionals and cutting-edge facilities at Sparsholt College make us the market leaders in the field.

If you're a Zookeeper or Aquarist looking to develop your skills and excel in your career, this exciting new course is for you!

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# ZOOKEEPER/AQUARIST APPRENTICESHIP DELIVERY PLAN

## TOPICS COVERED

Enclosure Management and Servicing • the Professional Keeper/Aquarist • Health, Welfare & Behaviour • Feeding, Nutrition, Handling And Movement • Breeding and Conservation • Customer Care • Visitor Experience and Learning

## TOPIC DELIVERY PLAN

### RANGE OF LEARNING MATERIALS

- ▶ Full **PDF handbook** for each of the seven topics covered — approved and checked by relevant BIAZA Committees
- ▶ Remote access to **online library** with thousands of journals, e-books and support from librarians
- ▶ **Video interview** with industry experts for each topic
- ▶ **Interactive** 'click through' materials with regular short quizzes
- ▶ Planned **webinars** for additional delivery and discussion
- ▶ Ability to **specialise** in the animals that you are passionate about
- ▶ Materials prepared by **highly experienced** staff

### TAUGHT SESSIONS AT COLLECTIONS

- ▶ Seven **expert-taught sessions** each with activities and 'take aways'
- ▶ Each session is taught at a different collection by an **industry expert**
- ▶ Unique **networking** and collaborative opportunities
- ▶ Chance to **learn from other collections**
- ▶ Drawing on excellent **industry links** and relationships with governing bodies
- ▶ Gain **practical skills** during on-site taught sessions for each topic

### MONITORED TASKS & ACTIVITIES

- ▶ **Expert feedback** on collaborative and independent tasks
- ▶ **Work-based** activities to report on
- ▶ A **broad range** of task content
- ▶ Use of **video, voice recording, photographs, webinars, discussion forums, group collaboration** — plus others
- ▶ Highly qualified and experienced, industry-leading professionals who provide **guided delivery** and **formative checks** throughout

### REGULAR TUTORIAL SUPPORT

- ▶ Experienced **tutorial support** from the College — with 16 years zoo and aquarist training experience
- ▶ Access to **leading employment specialists** to guide your career development
- ▶ **Employer/student/College** collaboration for best outcomes
- ▶ Clear and open communication on progress and your **Gateway readiness**
- ▶ **Remote access** to your tutorial notes and registration systems
- ▶ **Regular** feedback on performance

### PORTFOLIO OF EVIDENCE

- ▶ Tried and tested **electronic portfolio system**
- ▶ Highly experienced **IT support** on hand to help build the required portfolio
- ▶ Develop personal portfolio into an **impressive live CV**
- ▶ Example portfolios and **templates** provided with flexibility and guidance on how to create them
- ▶ **Live feedback** on your evidence

### END POINT ASSESSMENT PREPARATION

- ▶ **Direct preparation** for End Point Assessment
- ▶ Mock online **tests** and **assessed discussions**
- ▶ Active feedback on **practical skills** — ready for the practical element of assessment
- ▶ **Knowledge, Skills** and **Behaviours** mapped to delivery and resources
- ▶ **Experienced assessors** on hand
- ▶ Long term Zoo/Aquarium staff providing delivery **relevant to real assessments**
- ▶ Collaborative **Tutor discussion** to decide gateway readiness

## PREPARATION FOR GATEWAY