

Careers: Zoo Jobs

What careers are out there and what is involved?

Year 7-9

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All students** will know there are a wide variety of job roles within zoos (not just zookeeping)
- ✓ **Most students** will know that different jobs roles require different skills or qualifications, including knowledge of entry level positions
- ✓ **Some students** will be able to visualise specific career paths to a zoo job

Session Outline:

The session begins with an overview of the diverse zoo jobs available, focusing on conservation, visitor services, and animal care. It then explores the zookeeper role in detail, including qualifications from college, university, or apprenticeships. Next, it examines roles in the commercial services team, covering entry-level positions in catering, play areas, admissions, and retail. The session concludes with guidance on finding job postings and enhancing your CV, including opportunities for volunteering and work experience. Recorded interviews with Colchester Zoo staff illustrate these various job roles throughout the session.

Please note, no live animals are used in this session.



Curriculum Links

Variety of jobs in the zoo industry

Qualifications and skills required

Job roles

Suggestions of how to obtain experience

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