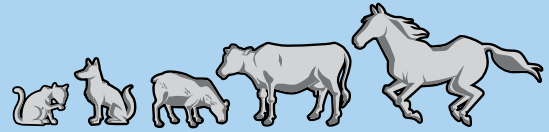


ANIMAL BASICS 1040

Course Overview



AGR1040: Introduction to Animal Basics is an introductory level CTS course that will ask you to "work" in an "apprentice" role to learn about basic and fundamental aspects of animal care and welfare. You'll have the opportunity to select an environment in which to learn – a farm, stable or kennel. And you'll be able to select an animal that interests you and connects to future career or occupational interests you may have. Or, you may just want to learn more about being a responsible pet owner.

Whatever your interests and goals, your learning will start with the following overarching question:

- **What is an acceptable level of care for domestic animals?**

You will explore the course content through four guiding concepts:

- **Responsible animal care**
- **Animal health**
- **Humane animal handling skills**
- **Standards of care.**

QUICKGUIDE

1. **REVIEW** the Home page information, including the assessment criteria.
2. **SET UP** your portfolio and open and save the Animal Basics 1040 Learning Checklist in it. Review the learning tasks in this checklist so you know what your responsibilities will be.
3. **SELECT** a virtual apprenticeship location and an animal with which to work.
4. **INTRODUCE** yourself to the course content by completing the Introductory Learning Tasks.
5. **COMPLETE** the Apprenticeship Learning Tasks in your selected location. Follow the directions provided for using the learning resources in each inquiry.
6. **CREATE** your final project, using the work you've done for each inquiry, and the resources found in the Final Project link.
7. **WRITE** your personal reflection statement, using the responses you've provided in the Reflect cards for each inquiry.

As a "virtual" apprentice, you'll be responsible for completing tasks that demonstrate what you've learned. These tasks are found on the *Virtual Apprentice 1040* website at www.ctsanimals.ca/va1040. Your work will be assessed by your teacher. Therefore, you'll need to set up a portfolio. You can set up your portfolio either in a file folder or in an electronic format on your computer. All of the Need to Know and Need to Do learning resources that you find on the *Virtual Apprentice 1040* website can be printed and/or saved in your file folder or electronic portfolio. Some of the Need to Do resources have active fields that you can use to input your responses. NOTE THAT THESE RESOURCES SHOULD BE SAVED BEFORE YOU INPUT ANY TEXT. USE ADOBE READER TO INPUT AND EDIT YOUR WORK. ENSURE YOU HAVE THE CURRENT VERSION OF ADOBE READER INSTALLED.



Using the Virtual Apprentice 1040 Website Inquiries

To become a "virtual apprentice," you must complete seven inquiries, which you'll find on the *Virtual Apprentice 1040* website at www.ctsanimals.ca/va1040.

- Start at the Home page to orient yourself to the course approach and requirements. Important assessment information is also provided on this page.
- The Introductory Learning Tasks link provides an introduction to the course. Complete the learning tasks in the introductory resources on this page.
- Use the Final Project link to review your final project options. The Project Planning Guide provides a more detailed overview of each final project option, a template for planning and a Project Rubric to help you understand the criteria for assessment.
- Go to the Apprenticeship Learning Tasks link and select your "apprenticeship" location. Click on your location to start working on the learning tasks in the seven inquiries. You will complete SEVEN learning tasks focused on the domestic animal with which you have chosen to work. Track these learning tasks with the Learning Checklist, found on the Home page at www.ctsanimals.ca/va1040.

Career and Real World Applications

If you dream of working with animals, you have endless opportunities to turn your passion or interest into a career. Although working with animals can involve long hours and can be physically demanding, it can be very rewarding and satisfying. Working with animals may place you in a variety of settings and with a range of different animals – careers can involve raising animals on a farm, grooming dogs, working as a veterinarian or animal health technologist (AHT), looking after animals in a boarding kennel, animal shelter, pet store or research lab, training guide dogs or even taking care of animals in a wildlife park.

Explore careers and occupations related to animals on the ALIS website at <http://alis.alberta.ca>. Search occupations by using the search term "animals." Check the Welfare & Care tab on the Alberta SPCA website at www.albertaspca.org for additional information.



List three occupations that interest you most in a Grid, labeled with the headings in the example below. Summarize the duties, personal characteristics and educational requirements for each occupation. A blank Grid template is provided on the *Virtual Apprentice 1040* website.

Occupations	Duties	Personal Characteristics	Educational Requirements
1.			
2.			
3.			

