



## Animal Care Program January, 2024

### *Welcome and information for Pre-Placement Requirements*

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Animal Care program, we look forward to meeting you at program Orientation in January. The program orientation session will be your first opportunity to meet and connect with your program faculty team and they will share information with you to help you prepare for your first semester. Information confirming the date and time of this session will be found here closer to the beginning of January: <https://durhamcollege.ca/orientation/program-orientation>

Is it important that you know that the Animal Care program has a field placement course during the second semester where you will attend hours each week at a community host related to the Animal Care field. Faculty and the Field Placement officer will share information about the field placement process for choosing a location and submitting all of the paperwork early in your first semester so that you can plan well in advance. Your first semester Field Placement Preparation course (FDPL 1100) will be instrumental in assisting you with being prepared for placement in May.

A valid **Standard First Aid and CPR Level C certificate** are requirements for placement. You may want to consider signing up with an approved trainer early in your semester if you don't currently have a valid certificate. Either in person or a blended training program (partly on line with an in-person component), is acceptable.

Thank you,

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