

CANADIAN COUNCIL ON ANIMAL CARE MANDATORY TRAINING (Laboratory Mammals and Laboratory Birds)

The CCAC requires mandatory animal care training for everyone using animals in research, teaching and testing. These training requirements are directed towards personnel using laboratory mammals and birds.

The following will enable you meet the training requirements:

CERTIFICATION

A. Attending the half-day course “**Introduction to Laboratory Animal Care**” presented three times a year (January, May and September)
This will be followed by a written test. Individuals who successfully pass this test will be provided with a certificate number.

OR

B. Reading the CCAC’s ***Core Stream*** AND ***Animals Housed in Vivaria Stream*** modules, and challenging the test through the University Veterinarian’s Office. These modules may be accessed at <http://www.ccac.ca/en/education/niaut>
Contact the Training Coordinator at Purnima.n@dal.ca or 494-8507 to schedule the test. Individuals who successfully pass this test will be provided with a certificate number.

Certificates from Other Canadian Universities

Individuals with a valid certificate from other Canadian Universities should contact the Training Coordinator for further information.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

As well as receiving a certification number, there is a **mandatory practical training** requirement for all personnel involved in animal handling or experimental manipulations. This training must be completed and documented before participating in any animal research protocol. Practical training requirements will be dependent upon the procedures approved in individual Animal Use Protocols. Please contact the Training Coordinator to arrange practical training sessions.

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