At the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, we strive to improve the lives of all who study here and in turn, the lives of those that encounter our current students and alumni.

At Ridgetown Campus, we provide top-quality diploma and certificate programs. Whether your interests are in agriculture, horticulture, environmental management, or the veterinary or equine industries, you will receive a first-class education from excellent instructors and world-class researchers.

Our instructors bring practical experiences and expertise to the classroom and future careers, that provides students with a strong basis for successful program completion. Students graduating from Ridgetown Campus are hired in various skills-based, industry-related careers or continue to pursue additional studies.

Our campus is a great place to learn, make lifelong connections, and develop your skills in a small, rural campus setting. This friendly and engaging learning environment gives you a first-rate student experience that helps you grow personally, academically, and professionally. We look forward to welcoming you to our campus or answering any questions you might have.

Ken McEwan, MSc
Director
University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus
WELCOME

University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus

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2018 Program Enrollment

Agriculture Diploma 53%
Veterinary Technology Diploma 6%
Horticulture Diploma 6%
Equine Care & Management Diploma 8%
Veterinary Office Administration Certificate 5%
Performance Horse Handler Certificate 2%

FOUNDED IN 1951 AND BECAME A UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH CAMPUS IN 1997.

OUR MISSION
To be a leader in applied agriculture, animal science, and environmental research and in life-long learning initiatives that are practical and relevant to society.

OUR VISION
Advancing society through agri-food and science based learning.

2018 Program Enrollment

625 FULL-TIME STUDENTS
45 TEACHING STAFF
8/10 OVERALL CAMPUS EXPERIENCE
88% 2019 OVERALL GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATE
450 ACRES OF RESEARCH LAND AND CAMPUS GROUNDS
Why Choose Ridgetown Campus?

Located in rural Ontario, Ridgetown Campus strives to offer top-quality diploma, certificate, and continuing education programs. There are many reasons that Ridgetown Campus may be the right fit for you.

Small Campus
The 625 full-time students at Ridgetown Campus enjoy the advantages of a smaller campus whether they are studying in Ridgetown or Clinton. This is a place where instructors know your name and you will quickly become part of the campus family.

Academic Environment
Ridgetown Campus students are taught by instructors who are leaders in their disciplines. Many of our faculty members are engaged in relevant, applied research, and are committed to being accessible to their students.

Industry Reputation
Our programs have earned an excellent industry reputation, and many employers seek out Ridgetown graduates. The majority of recent graduates are working in their field of study within two months of completing their academic program.

Program Delivery Locations
*In Ridgetown: Ridgetown Campus* – Located in southwestern Ontario between London and Windsor in the small town of Ridgetown, which is home to approximately 3,000 people. The town is surrounded by the bounty of local agriculture and is located fifteen minutes from the shores of Lake Erie.

*In Clinton: REACH* – The campus also delivers equine industry programming at the Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH) in Clinton, Ontario. This small town is home to approximately 3,000 people as well and is home to a modern equine facility at REACH.

*Ontario Agricultural College (OAC)*
Ridgetown Campus has been part of OAC at the University of Guelph since 1997. Internationally renowned for its leadership in teaching, research and extension service, OAC is Canada’s most comprehensive institution focusing on agriculture, food, the environment and rural communities.
Learning at Ridgetown Campus

Award-Winning Researchers
Ridgetown faculty are recognized across the province and nation for their research expertise and industry extension efforts. You will learn from accomplished scientists with applied research focused on agronomy, soils, livestock, environmental sustainability, and best production practices. Ridgetown research scientists are addressing industry challenges to keep Ontario competitive and prosperous.

Our team of 20 diversified scientists share their practical research knowledge in your classes and apply theory to real-world challenges.

Experienced Professors, Lecturers, and Instructors
Many teaching staff bring years of industry practice to your classroom. They have countless work-world stories to share with you and they want to talk to you about your interests and answer your questions. In our small class sizes, instructors have the opportunity to get to know you.

Industry Work Placements
Many of our academic programs offer industry work placements of varying lengths to enhance the knowledge you have gained in-class and apply it in today’s work world. Placements are a great opportunity to gain a real-world understanding before you graduate, and many lead to future employment.

Committed Staff Team
Our entire staff team, of over 125 people, is here to help you succeed in your academic studies and assist you in reaching your academic and leadership goals.

Industry Networking
You will get the chance to meet and build new relationships with industry leaders at trade shows, on class trips, with guest lectures, and at our annual career fairs.
Making the Transition

Whether you are leaving home for the first time or returning to school as an experienced learner, our staff are eager to help you make a successful transition.

Explore Your Campus
A campus visit is a great way to see where you will be studying. Join us at an open house event or schedule a personal tour. A visit to campus gives you the opportunity to meet our staff, see our facilities, and most importantly, have your questions answered.

Student Website and Email Account (GryphMail)
Once you accept your offer of admission, you will be provided with a University of Guelph email account and access to the Ridgetown Campus student website, CourseLink. Diploma students will have access to WebAdvisor to assist them with paying fees, registering for classes, and setting up their course schedule.

Student Orientation
Second-year students are actively involved in the development of orientation activities to help you transition to campus life smoothly. Welcome events will help you meet new friends, teaching staff, and become familiar with important academic policies and campus buildings.

Teriana Yearington
Ottawa, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management

Teriana, how was your transition to Clinton and Ridgetown?
“Living in Clinton, and off campus, first year made the move to Ridgetown even more exciting. Getting to be a part of campus made the move worthwhile after being settled in Clinton for a year. Being around more students and professors gave me that real college feel I wanted to experience.

The transition from home to Clinton and then from Clinton to Ridgetown was easy and exciting! Professors at both campuses made me feel at home and got to know me on a personal level. Being a part of a small campus enables you to meet new friends easily and feel welcomed from the moment you arrive!”

LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
Supporting Your Learning Experience

From the moment you arrive at Ridgetown Campus, you’ll have access to many on-campus resources that will help you develop your study, project, and writing skills.

Academic Program Counselling
The Academic Program Counsellor can assist you with selecting courses to reach your future goals. They are also available to discuss any concerns you may have about the program or specific courses.

Library Services and Resource Centre
The library can help you with your project or assignment needs. It has a wide selection of books, magazines, e-books, and online journal articles. There is also access to computers, printers, and photocopiers that students can use. Students also have access to online resources in the tri-universities’ collection of journal articles and publications at the University of Guelph, University of Waterloo, and Wilfrid Laurier University.

Peer Helper Program
The Peer Helper program is made up of second-year students who have completed their first year of academics and want to help you with your academic studies. These students are selected from most diploma programs and are available for group and/or one-to-one study help.

Academic Skills Consultant
Our skills consultant, located in the library, is available to assist students with individual and group projects; writing and proofreading papers; enhancing study, organizational, and time management skills; and navigating online databases.

Student Accessibility Services
Accessibility Services helps students who experience disabilities with full and equitable participation in academic life. We strive towards creating a barrier-free environment where all students can achieve their potential.

LEADERSHIP / CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
• Peer Helper Program
• Student Ambassador Program
• Spring Expo – Beef and Sheep Showperson
• Several intramural sports

AWARDS
• Grain Elevator Agriculture Scholarship

Dustin, why did you choose to become a peer helper?

“I chose to get involved with the Peer Helper Program because I saw an opportunity to benefit my fellow students.

This program gave me a chance to develop new communication skills when it came to explaining and clarifying academic concepts to students. I’m glad I chose to get involved at Ridgetown Campus! It made me a better mentor.”

Dustin Blackall
Arva, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Agriculture
Our Supportive Campus for Everyone

At Ridgetown Campus, we look forward to welcoming a diverse group of students from various backgrounds and experiences.

We believe we can all learn from each other and respect each other’s differences. Each one of us has the responsibility to create an inclusive campus community.

Student Services
Ridgetown Campus provides many different services to assist students with their student life and academic needs:

- Academic Skills Consultant
- Career Placement
- Computer / IT Support
- Financial Assistance
- Off-Campus Student Housing
- Student Recruitment
- Registrar’s Office
- Student Accessibility
- Student Accounts
- Student Awards
- Student Health & Dental Benefits

Accessible Campus
Students of different abilities are welcome to apply to our programs and attend Ridgetown Campus. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment.

Student Government
Students are elected each year to be representatives and the collective voice of the student body. Student Government is very involved in planning student events on campus, such as student pubs, game nights, and fun activities for the entire student body.

Spirituality
There is an active chaplaincy program on-campus and many welcoming local churches to support the spiritual interests of students.
**Health and Wellness**

**Student Counselling**
Students are welcome to make an appointment with a mental health and addictions counsellor who holds weekly on-campus office hours.

**Nurse Practitioner**
Students can book an appointment with the Nurse Practitioner during their on-campus office hours to discuss any medical concerns or conditions. To book an appointment, visit www.ckchc.ca.

**Public Health Nurse**
There is also a public health nurse that holds office hours in downtown Ridgetown on a weekly basis.

**Local Area Hospitals**
The closest emergency services department is in Chatham, ON at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance or in Newbury, ON at Four Counties Health Services. Students who are studying in Clinton, ON have access to the Clinton Public Hospital, located within the town of Clinton, ON.

**Student Health and Dental Benefits**
Students are required to purchase health and dental benefits and are automatically enrolled into both benefits programs. However, if a student’s parents/guardians have adequate benefits; students may opt-out of the benefits program online.

**Local Area Pharmacies**
There are a few options available in Ridgetown and Clinton to assist students with filling prescriptions or attaining other medical supplies.

**Student Intramural Sports Program**
Many different athletic opportunities are available for students to participate in – just for fun and friendship!

**Fitness Centre**
Located in the basement of Steckley Hall Residence, the centre is open for all students to use at no additional cost. Stay fit and active!
Financial Information and Assistance

Many students require financial assistance to fund their post-secondary education. Here are a few options to help finance your education:

1. **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP),**
   [Ontario.ca/osap](http://Ontario.ca/osap)

   The Student Financial Aid Office at Ridgetown Campus administers OSAP to eligible students. OSAP is designed to assist students with a portion of the costs of their post-secondary education. The office is available to answer any questions you may have about OSAP in general or about the application process. Students are encouraged to apply for OSAP when the application opens in spring every year to avoid any delays in processing their application; students don’t need to wait until they register into courses to apply.

   OSAP is made up of a combination of loans and grants from the provincial and federal governments and is available to students studying in full-time or part-time studies. Any loans received during your studies will need to be paid back whereas grants will not need to be paid back. Students are granted a 6-month grace period to start paying back their loans from the end of their full-time study period, but interest does start to accumulate immediately after the completion of your study period.

   *Note: Students studying in the Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology Alternative Delivery are only eligible to apply for part-time OSAP funding in the fall and winter semesters and full-time OSAP funding in the summer semester.

   Students from other Canadian provinces/territories should inquire what funding is available to them through their home province/territory. Visit your provincial/territorial government’s website for detailed student aid information.

2. **Student Line of Credit**

   Student or education lines of credit are available at most financial institutions. Call your local financial institution for more information.

**QUESTIONS?**

Questions about financial assistance?
Contact Alison McMahon at 519-674-1500 ext. 63507 or email [rcosap@uoguelph.ca](mailto:rcosap@uoguelph.ca) for more information.

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**Example:** Average Costs for 1 Year of the Agriculture Diploma Program

Please Note: Total costs differ in each program. Please see pages 56-57 for full program costs.

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**Total Average Cost for 1 year of the Agriculture Diploma Program**

$13,822
Student Awards

Ridgetown Campus’ Student Awards program is made up of a combination of scholarships, financial need scholarships, bursaries, in-course awards, academic proficiency awards, and graduation awards. The Student Awards Handbook is sent out to students via their email in mid-to-late August with the anticipated available awards for the academic year.

The application process for available student awards varies—some awards require a student-written letter, a Needs Assessment Form (sent out by the Awards Coordinator), a completed, error-free OSAP application, or some awards students are automatically considered for based on committee nomination or academic proficiency. Application details are outlined in the Student Awards Handbook.

Incoming students are encouraged to check out the Student Awards Handbook to see what entrance awards and bursaries they may want to consider applying for.

Note: Any awards received by OSAP recipients (excluding needs-based bursaries) should be reported as income on a student’s OSAP application.

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| **Winter Bursaries:** |
| **Mid-February** |
| • Includes ACCESS Bursaries |
| **Application Deadline:** Early October |
| **Approximate Number of Bursaries** |
| 40 |
| **Approximate Total Value** |
| $80,000 |

| **Graduation Awards:** |
| **Early June** |
| • Presented to graduating students at the ceremony in early June |
| • Includes academic proficiency, leadership, and course awards |
| **Application Deadline:** Start of April |
| **Approximate Number of Awards** |
| 58 |
| **Approximate Total Value** |
| $35,000 |

= $150,000

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the Student Awards Program?
Contact Alison McMahon at 519-674-1500 ext. 63507 or email rcawards@uoguelph.ca for more information
Job Placement Assistance

Whether you need assistance enhancing your cover letter, resumé, or interview skills, we are here to help! Ridgetown Campus offers help in securing summer and permanent employment.

**Job Placement Assistance**

Our Career Placement Co-ordinator is available if you need help writing or updating your resumé or cover letter. Let us help you learn effective methods for tailoring your resumé and cover letter to a certain job; searching and applying for jobs; and approaching employers. Services are open to all students in our diploma and certificate programs.

**Industry Job Postings**

A variety of job postings are received and shared through a job board, throughout the year for full-time, part-time, contract, and summer employment. These postings highlight a wide variety of industries and career opportunities. The job board is visible to both current students in all programs and our alumni. Head to our website to check out the online job board for some of the different opportunities advertised.

**Summer Job Postings**

**On-Campus Positions**

Looking to gain some experience in your area of interest and stay in the Ridgetown community? Ridgetown Campus offers 70-80 (university and college) student positions on-campus during the summer months. Jobs can include crop research technical assistants, field labourers, grounds maintenance staff, livestock assistants, or conference and event services co-ordinator.

**Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Ridgetown**

OMAFRA, with an office located on-campus, hires several students to work for them during the summer months. Check out the Ontario Government’s careers page for more information on available summer employment opportunities at gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEP.aspx.
Plan to attend our Fall and Spring Career Fairs. These events will attract employers from a wide range of leading organizations. Bring your resumé and get connected with the industry!
Campus Living

It’s easy to stay connected and meet new friends when you live on-campus.

Steckley Hall Residence gives you the opportunity to meet new friends and it has several comforts of home.

By choosing on-campus living, you’ll live close to classmates, athletic facilities, food services, and your classrooms.

Steckley Hall Student Residence Fast Facts

- Co-ed facility
- Approximately 190 spaces in double rooms (single rooms available by request; additional cost)
- Dormitory-style living
- Staffed 24 hours/day when students present
- Short walk to classes and Willson Hall Cafeteria
- Non-smoking facility
- Controlled entrance after 11:00 PM daily
- Quiet wing available for students looking for maximum study time
- Quiet times beginning at 11:00 PM to promote positive sleeping experiences

Residence Fees (based on 2019 - 2020 rates)

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<th>Single Occupancy: One student per room</th>
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Services available in residence include:

- High-speed, wireless internet
- Fitness centre
- Kitchenette
- Coin-operated laundry machines
- Vending machines
- Student lounges (equipped with cable TV and various pool/ping pong/foosball tables)

Please apply by the residence application deadline: May 29, 2020

The residence application can be found on our website at ridgetown.uoguelph.ca/residence. Please note: a $500.00 deposit is required when submitting a residence application and will be deducted off the Winter semester residence fees.

Students wishing to live in residence can apply for a room in Steckley Hall after they accept their offer of admission from us. Residence is available to students for both their first and second years of studies. Rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis up to 190 spaces. Single room availability is determined by the number of applications to residence received by the application deadline.

For students studying in the Veterinary Technology Alternative program or staying in Ridgetown for on-campus summer employment, Steckley Hall is not available as a housing option.

On-Campus Parking Available!

Yearly Parking Pass Fees: $30.00 - $120.00
(Fee depends on lot location)
Dining on Campus

All students living in Steckley Hall are required to purchase the meal plan.

The meal plan includes 14 meals per week, from Monday morning breakfast through to Friday lunch. The Steckley Hall kitchenette remains open for students staying on-campus during the weekends as there is no food service available. There are also many different restaurant options in Ridgetown as well as a grocery store for students who stay in residence on the weekends.

The meal plan has different entrée options to choose from at each meal and provides many different healthy choices. This is an all-you-can-eat meal plan, so students pay one flat rate for each 13-week semester.

Meal plans can be purchased by students living off-campus, or on a per meal basis.

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For special dietary needs, please speak with our campus chef to ensure your dietary needs are met.

Meal Plan (Per Semester) based on 2019-2020 rates

$1,518.25
Grace Kuhl
Keady, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

“I loved living in Ridgetown. Moving from one small town to another made the highschool to college transition very easy for me. Everything is within a short walking distance from campus, and from off-campus housing. The town is small and friendly and has everything that you need! I always felt safe and comfortable living in Ridgetown. It will always be a home away from home for me.”

LEADERSHIP / CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
• Student Ambassador Program
• Women’s Ice and Floor Hockey and Broomball Intramurals

Living in Ridgetown
The town of Ridgetown has a population of approximately 3,000 people and is ‘Agriculture at its best’. It offers a variety of amenities and services, all within close walking distance of each other. This safe and friendly community has banks, pharmacies, restaurants, a grocery store, gas stations, and local shopping opportunities.

Location:
• 1 hour west of London, ON
• 1 hour east of Windsor, ON
• 30 minutes east of Chatham, ON

Online Student Housing Listing:
If you prefer to live off-campus, you will find 80-100 postings with close to 300 spaces available in Ridgetown and the surrounding area on our website at ridgetownc.com/housing

Some housing options that are available:
• House rental (a room in a house shared with other students)
• Apartment rental (individual or shared with one or more students)
• Room and board (shared with others, sometimes meals provided)

Additional local communities to consider for accommodation:
• Morpeth (7 km)
• Highgate (10 km)
• Blenheim (16 km)
• Thamesville (17 km)
• Kent Bridge (22 km)

Fun and Recreation in the Area
There are a variety of options in and around Ridgetown for active living, including:
• Bowling alley
• Tennis courts
• Downtown shops
• Walking trails
• Hockey arena
• Curling rink

National/Provincial Parks:
• Rondeau Provincial Park (18 km)
• Point Peele National Park (81 km)
**Living in Clinton**

Located in the Municipality of Central Huron, Clinton has a population of approximately 3,000 people. This quiet, friendly community features a variety of banks, pharmacies, restaurants, grocery stores, and a hospital. The surrounding towns and communities also feature a variety of shopping and service options.

**Location**
- Clinton is located at the intersection of Hwy 4 and 8
- 45 minutes north of London, ON
- 2 hours north of Ridgetown, ON

**Online Student Housing Listing:**
Students enrolled in the Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management or the Performance Horse Handler Certificate will need to find student housing in the community as there is no student residence at REACH. There are several off-campus housing listings for Clinton and the surrounding area available online at: ridgetownc.com/current/housing_clinton.cfm.

**Some housing options that are available are:**
- House rental (a room in a house shared with other students)
- Apartment rental (individual or shared with one or more students)
- Room and board (shared with others, sometimes provides meals)

**Additional local communities to consider for accommodation:**
- Seaforth (14 km)
- Blyth (16 km)
- Goderich (18 km)
- Bayfield (18 km)
- Exeter (24 km)
- Mitchell (32 km)

**Larger cities close to Clinton:**
- Stratford (52 km)
- London (65 km)
- Kitchener/Waterloo (85 km)

**Fun and Recreation in the Area**
There are a wide variety of options in Clinton for active living, many within walking distance of REACH:
- Downtown shops
- Hockey arena with indoor walking track
- Squash courts
- YMCA

**National/Provincial Parks:**
- Hullet Provincial Park (9 km)
- Point Farms Provincial Park (30 km)

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**Jacqueline Reynolds**

Oakville, ON
Senior Student, Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management

“Living in Clinton was an amazing experience. It is a very safe and friendly town that had all the necessities for living away from home. From learning about the performance horses at the race track, to the bakery down the street, I enjoyed the new experience of living in a small town. Clinton has been one of my favourite places to live and I hope to visit again soon.”

**LEADERSHIP/ CLUBS & ACTIVITIES**
- Student Class Representative
- Student Ambassador Program
- Horse Riding Lessons
10 Reasons to Study in Rural Ontario!

1. Open, unobstructed views
2. Peaceful and quiet surroundings
3. Friendly atmosphere
4. Opportunity to enjoy nature
5. Experience rural living
6. Plenty of parking and light traffic
7. Enjoy local farmers markets
8. Study in the heartland of Ontario agriculture
9. Local conservation areas, beaches, and Provincial Parks
10. Campus gardens, and a 700 plant species arboretum (Ridgetown Campus)
About the Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH)

For students studying in the first year of the Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management and the Performance Horse Handler Certificate, your lectures and labs will be located at the Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH) located in Clinton, ON.

ADDRESS: 169 Beech St, Clinton, ON. N0M 1L0

DISTANCE FROM RIDGETOWN CAMPUS: Approximately 2 hours

Fast Facts about the REACH Facilities:

- $8-million instructional facility
- 108’ x 211’ brightly-lit arena
- Spacious teaching barn with wash stalls and heated tack room
- Student lockers by the teaching barn for storage
- Computer lab
- Classrooms
- Outdoor arena
- Student lounge
- REACH-operated boarding stalls

Boarding Your Horse

There is limited space for you to board your own horse at REACH. Please contact Cindy Pryce at 519-482-3998 for availability and associated costs. Many other local equine facilities also offer boarding opportunities. Boarding at REACH or other facilities is not managed or arranged by Ridgetown Campus. Check out our website at ridgetownc.com/current/equine_facilities.cfm to view additional boarding opportunities in the Clinton-area.

Academic Program Tours at REACH

Tours of the REACH facilities can be arranged by appointment. Contact our Equine Programs Student Services Co-ordinator, Kendra Vanden Ouweland at 519-482-3998 ext.1497 or by email kvandeno@uoguelph.ca if you are interested in the Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management or the Performance Horse Handler Certificate.
Getting Involved in Student Life

Get involved in activities that build your leadership skills, interpersonal skills, keep you active, and expand your network!

Student Leadership Opportunities

Peer Helper Program
Opportunity for senior students to assist classmates and juniors with academic studies. This program is open to all diploma students going into their second year to apply to.

Student Ambassador Program
A chance to share your Ridgetown Campus experience with prospective future students at campus recruitment events. Boost your résumé, confidence, and leadership skills!

Spring Expo Committees
Help plan this student-led event by joining the executive or sub-committees. These students have various roles around livestock, equipment, the dog agility show, and more!

Student Government
Make a difference through student leadership and enhance student life while at Ridgetown Campus. Help plan on-campus social events that are fun for everyone and give back to the community.

OAC Leadership Conference
Learn more about leadership and enhance your professional skills by attending this conference in January at the main campus in Guelph. You will also get the opportunity to network with other OAC students who attend.

Spring Expo
Get involved in this student-led event, highlighting livestock shows, a dog agility course, barbecue, and more! You can assist in planning this fun event or participate in the various shows.

Campus Clubs
Watch for posters and invitations to join a club of your interest, including:
- Animal Behaviour Club
- Equine Club
- Soil and Crop Club
- Dairy Club
- Horsemanship Club (Clinton)
- Horticulture Club
- Yearbook Club
- And more!

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- Horticulture Club
- Yearbook Club
- And more!
Have Fun and Stay Fit!

Intramurals are a great way to have fun, stay active, and meet new people. They are open to everyone at any skill level and run most weekdays during the evening. Some of the options include:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Indoor Soccer
- Floor Hockey
- Broomball
- Hockey
- Curling
- Bowling
- Skating
- Yoga
- Zumba

OAC Winter Games

If you participate in intramurals, you’ll have the opportunity to try out for different teams that play in various sports at the OAC Winter Games. Join this friendly competition with Guelph campus students, held at alternating locations each year.
Furthering Your Studies

Going Back to School

Mature Student Status
Thinking about going back to school but not sure if you can do so without your high school diploma or equivalent? Admission opportunities exist for applicants who don’t have their high school diploma or equivalent but are 19 years of age and older and have been out of high school for a minimum of one year. Mature students may be required to complete pre-admission testing depending on the courses completed in high school. Please contact our Campus Registrar for more information on applying as a mature student.

Non-Current Secondary School Students
Ridgetown Campus welcomes many students to our academic programs each year. Whether you decided to do something after high school before attending a post-secondary school, or are looking to change your career path, all programs are available for application. Our diploma and certificate programs are a great way to learn new skills, gain more knowledge, and start on the path towards your future career!

All applications to our academic programs are made through ontariocolleges.ca. Please contact our Campus Registrar if you have any questions about how to apply to our programs.

Avery Fried
New Dundee, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

Avery, what was it like going back to school at Ridgetown Campus?

“Going back to school at Ridgetown Campus was a great experience for me. I really enjoyed being surrounded by so many other students and faculty who were just as interested in farming as I am. I was excited to enhance my knowledge of the dairy industry and make great friends at Ridgetown Campus!”

LEADERSHIP / CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
- Dairy Club
- Dairy Challenge Team
- Hockey Intramurals
- Student Ambassador Program
Amanda, why did you decide to enhance your post-secondary education at Ridgetown Campus?

“I learn best by doing and working through things myself. I came to Ridgetown because of the number of practical courses that were offered and how engaging each class was. I previously graduated from culinary school and learning more about the livestock industry was a natural fit for me.”

LEADERSHIP/CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Peer Helper Program
- Student Ambassador Program
- Dairy Challenge Team
- OAC Winter Games

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Francis and Anne Ouellette Scholarship - Agri-Food Industry Award
- Outstanding College Citizen Award
- Academic Proficiency in Financial Management
- Responsibility and Leadership Mike Miller Memorial Award
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**Associate Diploma Programs (2 or 3 Year Programs)**

An Associate Diploma is a program delivered in a two or three-year format, and involves focused, applied training in a specific field. The following Associate Diploma programs are available at Ridgetown Campus:

- Agriculture
- Environmental Management
- Equine Care and Management
- Horticulture
- Veterinary Technology (Conventional Delivery)
- Veterinary Technology (Alternative Delivery)

**Certificate Programs (1 Year Programs)**

A Certificate is a one-year program that provides practical training and prepares you to enter the workforce with relevant, focused knowledge. The following Certificate programs are available at Ridgetown Campus:

- Performance Horse Handler (Clinton)
- Veterinary Office Administration

**Apprenticeship Program**

An Apprenticeship Program combines in-class learning with on-the-job apprenticeship training. The following apprenticeship program has an in-class delivery at Ridgetown Campus:

- Dairy Herdsperson
Associate Diploma in
AGRICULTURE
ridgetownc.com/agr

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R201

Combine practical experiences in agricultural production with the technical and scientific skills required to successfully operate a farm or work in agribusiness. As you learn the science, technology, and business of agriculture, you can focus your studies in the areas of agribusiness, crops, livestock, or fruit and vegetable production. In this program, you will learn about current industry issues and research solutions through classroom teaching and laboratory sessions.

Program Features
- Applied farm production and agribusiness curriculum focus
- Learn from experienced instructors with exceptional links to Ontario’s agricultural community who share their experiences in class
- Optional experiential learning credits are offered through international study opportunities (page 46)
- The Grower Pesticide Safety Course exam is completed within the Applied Weed Science course
- Start making connections with agriculture industry professionals during your studies
- Excellent job placement rates and starting salaries
- Gateway to additional post-secondary opportunities (undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, post-diplomas)

SAMPLE CAREERS
- Agricultural Finance Manager
- Commodity Marketer/Trader
- Crop Input Representative
- Custom Applicator
- Feed Sales Manager
- Fieldman / Grower Liaison
- GPS / Precision Agriculture Technician
- Livestock Farm Manager
- Nutrient Management Advisor
- Pest Management Scout
- Primary Producer
- Production Manager
- Research Technician
- Seed Marketing Specialist
- Soil & Crop Consultant
## Program Curriculum

### Year 1

#### Semester 1 - Fall

**Required Courses**
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Plant Science
- Communications & Software Applications I
- Introduction to Business Management
- Livestock Systems
- Soil Principles

#### Elective Courses (Select 2)
- Animal Science
- Belize Study Tour
- Cereal & Forage Management
- Introduction to US Agriculture (non-credit)
- Plant Propagation
- Precision Agriculture
- Sales & Sales Management*

### Semester 2 - Winter

**Required Courses**
- Agricultural Mechanization & Safety
- Applied Weed Science
- Communications & Software Applications II
- Financial Management

#### Elective Courses (Select 2)
- Animal Health
- Crop Diagnostics & Recommendations
- Dairy Herd Management
- Advanced Topics in Dairy Production
- Farm Structures & Environment
- Greenhouse Vegetable Production
- Leadership
- Nutrient Management
- Organic Production
- Poultry Production
- Renewable Energy & Agriculture
- Ruminant Nutrition

### Year 2

#### Semester 3 - Fall

**Required Courses**
- Agricultural & Environmental Stewardship
- Corn and Oilseed Management
- Introduction to Agricultural Economics & Marketing

#### Elective Courses (Select 3)
- Beef Production
- Dairy Herd Management
- Dairy Production Management
- Fruit Production
- Greenhouse Management
- Insect & Disease Management
- Machinery Maintenance
- Pork Production
- Small Ruminant Production
- U.S. Agriculture Study Tour
- Vegetable Production
- World Dairy Expo Study Tour

#### Semester 4 - Winter

**Required Courses**
- Human Resource Management
- Business Project OR Farm Project
- Commodity Marketing* OR Marketing*

#### Elective Courses (Select 3)
- Animal Health
- Crop Diagnostics & Recommendations
- Dairy Herd Management
- Advanced Topics in Dairy Production
- Farm Structures & Environment
- Greenhouse Vegetable Production
- Leadership
- Nutrient Management
- Organic Production
- Poultry Production
- Renewable Energy & Agriculture
- Ruminant Nutrition

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**Rachel Duesbury**
Mount Brydges, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

**Rachel, why did you select Ridgetown Campus?**

“Agriculture was an industry that always fascinated me. I never thought I would become a part of it until I heard of Ridgetown Campus. Ridgetown has been such an amazing experience; there is a feeling of family and unity that I have never felt with any other group. I truly admire the dedication, hard work, and perseverance of the people I meet in agriculture, and I’m thankful every day that I can be a part of it!”

### LEADERSHIP / CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- Dairy Club
- Dairy Challenge Team
- Soil and Crop Club
- Intramural Sports
- Free Skating
- Yearbook Committee

### AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- W.T Ewen Diploma Entrance Scholarship
- Jim Vander Meer Memorial Scholarship
- OAC 67A Memorial Scholarship
- OAC Diploma Alumni Bursary
- Ontario Grain and Feed Association Diploma Bursary
Are you interested in environmental issues and their solutions? Choose the Associate Diploma in Environmental Management to build technical and practical skills needed for a career in conservation and natural resources, water/wastewater treatment, or other municipal, industrial, and/or agricultural applications. Students complete a variety of applied, practical projects and assignments to develop their industry knowledge.

**Program Features**

- Gain a strong understanding of environmental protection and management
- Excellent teaching and laboratory facilities to gain practical skills
- Students taking the Sewage and Waste Water course experience their lab components at the wastewater treatment facility in Ridgetown
- On-campus anaerobic digester demonstration and research facilities
- Graduates often earn competitive wages
- Become eligible to write:
  - The Ministry of Environment Operator in Training
  - Certifications in water treatment, water distribution, waste water treatment, and waste water collection
- The exam for Certified Technician designation through the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists
- Entry level for Drinking Water Operators exam

**SAMPLE CAREERS**

- Agriculture Environmental Advisor
- Compliance Officer
- Environmental Farm Plan Consultant
- Environmental Technician
- Nutrient Management Advisor
- Research Technician
- Renewable Energy Plant Operator
- Technical Sales Representative
- Waste Management Technician
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Water Treatment Plant Operator
Tyler Paré
Kingsville, ON
Senior Student, Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

Tyler, what attracted you to study Environmental Management at Ridgetown?

“I didn’t have a background in science before I came to Ridgetown Campus, but this program was such an eye-opener to environmental issues and endless career opportunities. Knowledgeable staff take time with every student; making sure they are ready for employment in various roles in the industry. The staff and my classmates have made my learning experience exceptional at Ridgetown.”

LEADERSHIP

• Student Ambassador Program

Program Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall

Required Courses

• Communications & Software Applications I
• Environmental Science & Issues
• Environmental Law & Governance
• Environmental Monitoring
• Mathematics for Environmental Operators
• Spills & Contaminated Site Remediation

Semester 2 - Winter

Required Courses

• Communications & Software Applications II
• Data Analysis & Statistics
• Introduction to Applied Microbiology
• Soil & Water Use in Agroecosystems
• Water Resource Management

Elective Courses (Select 1)

• Advanced Math & Water Chemistry
• Precision Agriculture
• Sales & Sales Management

Semester 4 - Winter

Required Courses

• Environmental Project
• Human Resource Management

Elective Courses (Select 4)

• Agriculture Chemicals in the Environment
• Entry-Level Drinking Water Operations
• Industrial Waste Management
• Land Use Planning
• Nutrient Management
• Renewable Energy & Agriculture
• Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

Industry Work Placement

4 Weeks

All students must satisfactorily complete a four-week placement in the environmental industry upon successful completion of Semester 4 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.
Associate Diploma in
EQUINE CARE AND MANAGEMENT
ridgetownc.com/equine

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R204

This unique program is great for equine enthusiasts who want to turn their passion into a career. In this program, you will learn about equine nutrition, reproduction, health, conditioning and management. You will gain knowledge in equine science combined with applied knowledge and broaden your equine business, finance, and management skills.

Program Delivery Locations

**Year 1**
**Delivery Location - Clinton**
Semesters 1 and 2 of this program are delivered at the Regional Equine and Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH) in Clinton, ON

**Year 2**
**Delivery Location - Ridgetown**
Semesters 3 and 4 are delivered at Ridgetown Campus in Ridgetown, ON

Program Features

- Combination of in-depth equine theory and applied business courses
- Practical training with horses from various areas of the equine industry
- Learn from experienced and knowledgeable instructors from various disciplines
- Four-week industry work placement at the end of semester 4

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Equine Communications Co-ordinator
- Equine Events Manager
- Equine Facility Manager/Owner
- Equine Marketing & Sales Representative
- Equine Rehabilitation Technician
- Equine Research Assistant
- Exercise Rider
- Feed or Tack Retail Operator
- Horse Breeder
- Horse Trainer
- Professional Groomer
- Race Track Manager
- Stable or Barn Manager
### Program Curriculum

#### Year 1 (Clinton)

**Semester 1 - Fall**

**Required Courses**
- Communications & Software Applications I
- Horse Facility Management & Design
- Horse Health
- Horse Structure & Function
- Introduction to the Horse Industry
- Practical Horse Care I

**Semester 2 - Winter**

**Required Courses**
- Communications & Software Applications II
- Horse Conditioning
- Horse Conformation & Lameness
- Horse Feeds & Nutrition
- Horse Reproduction
- Practical Horse Care II

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#### Year 2 (Ridgetown)

**Semester 3 - Fall**

**Required Courses**
- Advanced Horse Nutrition
- Agriculture & Environmental Stewardship
- Equine Complimentary Therapies
- Forage Management for Horses
- Introduction to Business Management
- Equine Industry Management & Care

**Semester 4 - Winter**

**Required Courses**
- Rider Conditioning
- Equine Business Venture
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- British Equine Study Tour, OR International Equine Study Practices, OR Leadership
- Marketing

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### Industry Work Placement

**4 Weeks**

All students must satisfactorily complete a four-week placement in the equine industry upon successful completion of Semester 4 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.

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#### Autumn Pake

Brantford, ON Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management

Autumn, can you tell me why you selected to study in the Equine Care and Management Diploma?

“Ridgetown Campus has given me many opportunities to expand my knowledge in the equine industry. Taking this program helped me secure an industry work placement with the Ancaster Mounted Police Unit. Ridgetown has also given me the opportunity to learn more about my passion for horses through the guidance of knowledgeable faculty. My academic experience introduced me to professionals in the equine industry, creating many job contacts for possible future employment.”

### CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Equine Club Member
2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September  
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R205

With a rapidly growing greenhouse and landscaping sector, the Associate Diploma in Horticulture will enable you to gain the knowledge needed to have many different career options within the horticultural sector. This program gives students the opportunity to grow their creativity and develop relevant skills through practical labs in our greenhouse and on our campus grounds.

**Program Features**

- Practical training on our campus grounds and in our campus greenhouses
- Over 700 different species of trees, shrubs, and flowers across campus
- Gain the knowledge needed to write the Ministry of the Environment Exterminator Licence exam
- Optional experiential learning credit is offered through international travel opportunities (page 46)
- Diverse job opportunities after successful completion of the program

**SAMPLE CAREERS**

- Garden Centre Manager
- Garden Equipment & Supply Dealer
- Greenhouse Grower
- Greenhouse Pest Management Technician
- Horticultural Technician
- Landscape Installer
- Landscape Equipment Operator
- Landscaping Contractor
- Lawn Care Manager
- Medical Cannabis Production Assistant
- Nursery Grower/Manager
- Parks & Recreation Technician
- Small Horticultural Business Owner
Program Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall
Required Courses
• Applied Mathematics
• Applied Plant Science
• Communications & Software Applications I
• Greenhouse Management
• Landscape Management
• Plant Identification I

Semester 2 - Winter
Required Courses
• Communications & Software Applications II
• Introduction to Landscape Construction
• Plant Propagation
• Soil & Water Use in Agroecosystems

Elective Courses (Select 2)
• Arboriculture
• Belize Study Tour
• Greenhouse Control Systems
• Greenhouse Vegetable Production
• Landscape Design

Year 2

Semester 3 - Fall
Required Courses
• Certification & Safety
• Horticultural Weed Science
• Introduction to Business Management
• Plant Identification II

Elective Courses (Select 2)
• Applied Landscape Construction
• Greenhouse Structures & Engineering
• Introduction to Agricultural Economics & Marketing
• Nursery Management

Semester 4 - Winter
Required Courses
• Business Project OR Farm Project
• Financial Management
• Human Resource Management
• Ornamental Plant Protection OR Greenhouse Vegetable Integrated Pest Management

Elective Courses (Select 2)
• Advanced Greenhouse Vegetable Production
• Cannabis Production
• Greenhouse Ornamental Production
• Horticultural Equipment Management
• Viticulture & Oenology

William Polowick
Chatham, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Horticulture

William, what grabbed your attention and interest in the Horticulture Diploma?

“During my time at Ridgetown Campus, I really enjoyed the small class sizes and the ability to gain hands-on learning, practical, and transferable skills for the working world. Having a greenhouse facility and over 700 different species all around campus has helped enrich my knowledge around the topics I am passionate about. Lastly, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from outgoing and personable professors who are always there to help.”

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
• Horticulture Club
Associate Diploma in
VETERINARY
TECHNOLOGY
ridgetownc.com/vtc

Conventional Delivery
2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R206

Are you interested in a career working with and caring for animals? This program is designed to provide the technical knowledge and skills required to become a veterinary technician working in association with practicing veterinarians and clients.

Program Features
- Training related to the care of companion, large, and laboratory animals
- Excellent teaching facilities modeled from a veterinary clinic
- Accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association
- Small working groups with excellent student to instructor ratios
- Program facilities inspected by the Canadian Council on Animal Care
- Graduates consistently achieve top scores on the Veterinary Technician National Exam to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT)

SAMPLE CAREERS
- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Equine Facilities Supervisor
- Government Inspector
- Independent Pet Business Owner
- Livestock Manager
- Pet Care Supply Representative
- Pharmaceutical Technical Representative
- Research Technician
- Specialty or Referral Hospital Technician
- Swine or Dairy Herdsperson
- Veterinary Technician (companion, mixed, or large animal practice)
### Program Curriculum

#### Year 1

**Semester 1 - Fall**
*Required Courses*
- Communications & Veterinary Software
- Companion Animal Management
- Foundation of Veterinary Technology
- Medical Exercises I
- Microbiology, Cytology, & Hematology I
- Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology I

**Semester 2 - Winter**
*Required Courses*
- Hematology II
- Livestock Production & Management
- Medical Exercises II
- Pharmacology & Applied Calculations
- Urinalysis
- Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II

#### Year 2

**Semester 3 - Fall**
*Required Courses*
- Animal Nursing I
- Animal Dentistry I
- Parasitology & Clinical Chemistry
- Radiography I
- Surgical & Anaesthetic Principles I
- Laboratory & Exotic Animal Science

**Semester 4 - Winter**
*Required Courses*
- Animal Dentistry II
- Animal Nursing II
- Hospital Management
- Radiography II
- Surgical & Anaesthetic Principles II
- Veterinary Technology Practical Applications

### Industry Work Placement
*6 Weeks*
All students must satisfactorily complete a six-week placement in the veterinary industry upon successful completion of Semester 4 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.

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**Amy Huxtable**
Caledon, ON
Graduate (2019), Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology

Amy, why did you select Ridgetown Campus for Veterinary Technology?

“I attended an open house event and I knew this was the place for me! Now that my studies are complete, I would have to say that my Ridgetown learning experience was a 10/10! I also completed my 6-week industry work placement in Texas at a mixed animal practice.

I’d encourage you to work hard and get involved in campus life, and I know you’ll love Ridgetown Campus as much as I did.”

### LEADERSHIP / CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
- Student Ambassador Program
- Spring Expo – Dog Agility Show
- Student Government Pubs and Special Events
Alternative Delivery

3 Years (9 Semesters) | 3 Fall & 3 Winter distance education semesters
3 on-campus summer semesters

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R306

Do you love animals? Would you like to continue working while you pursue your studies? This program is designed to offer students the opportunity to complete distance learning during the fall and winter semesters combined with on-campus practical learning for three months in the summer semesters. This delivery format takes three years to complete and gives students the technical knowledge and skills they need to become a veterinary technician.

Program Features

- Training related to the care of companion, large, and laboratory animals
- Distance education courses completed during the fall and winter semesters
- Program facilities inspected by the Canadian Council on Animal Care
- Excellent teaching facilities modeled from a veterinary clinic
- Small working groups with excellent student to instructor ratios
- Accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association
- On-campus training for 13 weeks beginning in May and ending in July for three consecutive summers
- Graduates consistently achieve top scores on the Veterinary Technician National Exam to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT)

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Equine Facilities Supervisor
- Government Inspector
- Independent Pet Business Owner
- Livestock Manager
- Pet Care Supply Representative
- Pharmaceutical Technical Representative
- Research Technician
- Specialty or Referral Hospital Technician
- Swine or Dairy Herdsman
- Veterinary Technician (companion, mixed, or large animal practice)
## Program Curriculum

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### Industry Work Placement

**6 Weeks**

All students must satisfactorily complete a six-week placement in the veterinary industry upon successful completion of Semester 9 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.

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### Ally Edgar

**Chatham, ON**

Senior Student, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology

**Ally, why was the Veterinary Technology Alternative Delivery the right fit for you?**

“Ridgetown Campus was my first choice for post-secondary education. With having so many animals on campus, we are studying in a practical and applied hands-on environment. Everything from industry experienced faculty, to plenty of green spaces and a farm-like feel to the campus, I can thrive as a student!

Taking the Alternative Delivery enabled me to work a full-time job for most of the year and complete my academic studies.”

### CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Badminton Intramurals
Certificate in

PERFORMANCE HORSE HANDLER

ridgetownc.com/phh

1 Year (2 Semesters) | Start: September
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R104

The Performance Horse Handler Certificate program is designed to provide graduates with the technical knowledge and skills required to succeed in today’s equine industry. This one-year program prepares students to work in dressage, show jumping, racing, reining, breeding and other stables, and competitive venues where experienced horse handling is required. Students will be exposed to the preparation and maintenance of horses for competition, learn the principles of horse behaviour and safe horse handling, and caring for performance horses in a teaching barn, as well as in the field.

Program Features

- Studies in horse behaviour, nutrition, fitness, injury prevention and care
- Practical and applied learning through lectures and labs
- Hands-on training with horses from various sectors of the equine industry
- Small class size resulting in an excellent student-teacher ratio
- Includes two work placements in different industry sectors prior to program completion, giving students industry-readiness work experience before graduating

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Boarding Stable Employee
- Equine Barn Technician
- Equine Feed Sales Representative
- Equine Secretary or Records Supervisor
- Equine Special Event Co-ordinator
- Feed Salesperson
- International Show Groom
- Jockey Assistant
- Tack Store Associate or Owner
**Program Curriculum**

**Year 1**

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**Industry Work Placement I**

2 Weeks

All students must satisfactorily complete a two-week placement in the equine industry upon completion of Semester 1 courses to fulfill program requirements and continue to Semester 2.

**Industry Work Placement II**

4 Weeks

All students must satisfactorily complete a four-week placement in the equine industry upon completion of Semester 2 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their certificate.

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**Program Delivery Location**

**Year 1**

**Delivery Location - Clinton**

Seminsters 1 and 2 of this program are delivered at the Regional Equine and Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH) in Clinton, ON.

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Noelle, did you enjoy the combination of classroom and teaching barn/arena time?

“No, I found I learned more than I expected and realized how much there is to learn when you want to work with performance horses. I gained new insights from both of my industry work placements.”

**Noelle Hasselbring**

Little River, NS

Graduate (2017), Performance Horse Handler Certificate
Certificate in
VETERINARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
ridgetownnc.com/cvmoa

1 Year (2 Semesters)  |  Start: September
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca  |  Application Code: R101

The Veterinary Office Administration Certificate program combines veterinary office administration and animal health training. Practical skill development in front-office administration, business communications, client relations and preventative health care for pets will give you the skills and knowledge you need to become a key member of the animal health care team.

Program Features

• Hands-on animal care training with companion animals
• Office equipment/computer training on current veterinary industry software programs
• Instructors with industry and teaching expertise
• Knowledge of key industry business administration practices and trends
• Get the equivalent skills required to work as a Veterinary Assistant
• Graduates are eligible to write the Approved Veterinary Assistant (AVA) examination
• Only program in Canada to be accredited by the National Association of Veterinary Technology in America (NAVTA)

SAMPLE CAREERS

• Veterinary Assistant
• Veterinary Clinic Office Administration Assistant
• Office Manager
• Grooming / Pet Boarding Business Entrepreneur
• Pet Store Customer Service Representative/ Entrepreneur
• Veterinary Client Service Representative
• Pet Care Supply Representative
Program Curriculum
Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall
Required Courses
• Anatomy
• Animal Care I
• Business Math & Office Accounting
• Clinical Exercises I
• Introduction to Computers in the Veterinary Industry
• Pharmacology
• Veterinary Communications
• Veterinary Hospital Marketing & Public Relations
• Veterinary Medical Terminology

Semester 2 - Winter
Required Courses
• Animal Care II
• Animal Diseases
• Clinical Exercises II
• Clinical Safety
• Front Office Administration
• Human Resource Administration
• Nutrition
• Veterinary Office Software

Industry Work Placement
4 Weeks
All students must satisfactorily complete a four-week placement in the veterinary industry upon completion of Semester 2 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their certificate.

Ivy Legisniana
Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Philippines
Graduate (2019), Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

Ivy, how would you describe your learning experience in the Veterinary Office Administration Certificate?

“I enjoyed everything about the practical and applied courses I completed. My academic experience exceeded my expectations, and I enjoyed meeting other students who make me feel at home in Canada.

I would recommend this program and this small campus learning environment to anyone interested in office administration and companion animal care. This was a great overall experience for me.”

LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
DAIRY HERDSPERSON Apprenticeship
bdc.ridgetownc.com/getcertificate/dairy-herdsperson-apprenticeship

Next Start: Fall 2020
Apply at: ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship  |  Application Code: 640D

Length
- 5,520 hours of on-the-job training (90% of hours) with your employer
- 480 hours in-school training (10% of hours over approximately 2 years) at University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus in Ridgetown, ON.

What is an Apprentice?
An apprentice is someone who learns a skilled trade on the job, under the direction of more experienced employees. Apprentices also complete classroom instruction as a part of their training. Ninety percent of the apprenticeship is on-the-job, and ten percent is classroom-based training. Apprentices are employees, so you can earn while you learn the trade. You will need to find an employer who is willing to train you.

Preparing to Become an Apprentice
To become an apprentice dairy herdsperson, you should complete your Grade 12 diploma or equivalent.

QUESTIONS?
Questions about the Apprenticeship Program?
Contact Katie Hunter at 519-674-1500 ext. 63521 or email katieh@uoguelph.ca for more information

What Does a Dairy Herdsperson Do?
A dairy herdsperson is a person who is responsible for the maintenance, health, nutrition, and breeding of dairy cows. They milk, feed and water cows, and work with milking and sterilizing equipment. They perform herd health procedures, routine herd maintenance, and operate and maintain barn mechanical systems and farm equipment. Dairy Herdsperson is a voluntary certified trade and you do not require a Certificate of Apprenticeship to work in this trade. However, an apprenticeship will increase your knowledge and your opportunities.
Applying to be an Apprentice
To apply to be an apprentice, you must have a sponsor (usually your employer) who has agreed to provide you with apprenticeship training. If you want to learn more about apprenticeship training or get help finding a sponsor, please contact your local Employment Ontario Apprenticeship office. To find the closest office to you, visit ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario-apprenticeship-offices. Once you have a sponsor, there are four steps in the apprenticeship registration process:

STEP ONE:
Complete an Application for Apprenticeship Training. If you’ve found an employer to sponsor your training and you are at least 18 years old, you can apply online at ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship. You can also call 1-800-387-5656.

STEP TWO:
Someone from the Employment Ontario apprenticeship office will contact you and your sponsor about signing and registering a Training Agreement.

STEP THREE:
After you have your Training Agreement, apply for membership to the Ontario College of Trades by completing a Member Application Form (Apprentices Class). Visit Ontario College of Trades website at collegeoftrades.ca/membership/become-a-member for more information.

STEP FOUR:
You will receive an Offer of Classroom Training from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. When you get your offer letter, follow the instructions to register into the apprenticeship in-school training at Ridgetown Campus.

In-School Training (10% of program hours)
The in-school training delivered by the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus focuses primarily on the theory you need to support the skills in the Apprenticeship Training Standard. To complete the in-school training, you must attend 16 four-day blocks (Tuesday through Friday) during your apprenticeship period, scheduled once per month from September to April over a two-year period (total of 480 hours).

Modules:
UNIT 1 Applied Farm Practices
UNIT 2 Milking Practices
UNIT 3 Feeding Practices
UNIT 4 Herd Health Maintenance
UNIT 5 Routine Herd Maintenance
UNIT 6 Farm Mechanical and Electrical Systems – Basic Maintenance
UNIT 7 Farm Mechanical Equipment – Basic Maintenance

On-Farm Training (90% of program hours)
On-farm training with your employer follows the Apprenticeship Training Standard which describes the skills you need to complete your training. Your employer must make sure that you have developed all the skills listed under their direction.

Hannah Thorne
Dorchester, ON
Year 1, Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship Certificate

Hannah, tell us about your experience at Ridgetown.
“For me, my passion for caring for the cows is why I came to Ridgetown Campus for the Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship. The best thing about this course is you get to learn in class for only 4 days a month, but also on your job site, collecting hours along the way as you work. The week(s) that you go to school for the in-class training, you get to do a farm tour on the last day, which gives everyone a chance to see different set-ups and barns. For those of you like me, hands on learning is the best way for me to retain what is being taught.”

ON-FARM TRAINING: Morning Light Dairy
FARM DETAILS: 140 Cow Operation
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

International travel gives students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of different cultures, governments, management systems, and production practices. There are for-credit and non-credit travel opportunities for students in many of our programs. Travel grants may be available for some travel costs.

NON-CREDIT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Equine Programs Kentucky Trip
DATE: Thanksgiving holiday weekend
LENGTH: 4 days
TIMING: Year 1 or Year 2, Fall Semester
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $750 plus personal spending and meals
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 25-30 students
  • Open to Equine Care & Management and Performance Horse Handler Students

Equine students who have an interest in learning more about the American equine industry can take part in this 4-day trip that travels to Kentucky, USA. This trip stops at various locations throughout Kentucky, including the Kentucky Horse Park, KESMARC Equine Rehabilitation Clinic, Keeneland Raceway, high-end barns, and the Thoroughbred Park.

FOR-CREDIT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

US Agricultural Study Tour
DATE: End of August / Early September
LENGTH: 7 days
TIMING: Summer between Year 1 and 2
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $950 plus personal spending and meals
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 30 students
  • Open to Agriculture students
  • Must enroll into the ‘Introduction to US Agriculture Course’ in the winter semester prior to the trip

Credit Course (0.5 credit)
Explore agriculture in the mid-west United States through this one-week study tour. You will explore a variety of farm operations and agribusinesses and learn about aspects of business and production you may not otherwise get to experience. Course credit can be earned for participation in the tour and the completion of course assignments.

World Dairy Expo Trip
DATE: End of September / Early October
LENGTH: 4.5 days
TIMING: Year 2, Semester 3
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $700 plus personal spending and meals
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 24 students
  • Open to Agriculture students

Credit Course (0.5 credit)
This course gives students the opportunity to learn through travel to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Students do coursework before and after departure and are involved in the dairy study tour. Students visit dairy operations in Michigan and Wisconsin and attend the World Dairy Expo tradeshow and Dairy Show. This is an exciting way to earn a credit towards your diploma while expanding your horizons in the dairy industry.
Belize Study Tour
DATE: Mid December
LENGTH: 7 days
TIMING: Year 1 or 2, Winter semester
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $2,750 plus personal spending and meals
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 10 students
- Open to Agriculture and Horticulture students
Credit Course (0.5 credit)
Learn about agricultural and horticultural practices through this 7-day study tour to Belize, located in Central America. Pre-departure academic classes and further seminars after your return will help you get the most from this exciting adventure. You can also earn a credit towards your diploma. While in Belize, you will study and tour a variety of agricultural and horticultural sites, including: Citrus Farms, Botanical Gardens, Banana Plantations, Beef/Dairy Operations, S.H.A.R.E. Agriculture Foundation Projects.

British Equine Study Tour
DATE: February Break Week
LENGTH: 8 days
TIMING: Year 2, End of Winter Semester
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 14-20 students
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $2750 includes flights, accommodations, most meals and activities
- Open to 2nd Year Equine Diploma students (first-serve) then open to all Ridgetown Diploma students
Credit Course (0.5 credit)
The British Equine Study Tour will give students an opportunity to learn more about the roots of modern day equestrianism and broaden their understanding of the equine industry. The trip will provide students with opportunities to participate in the management of international riding facilities as well as the chance to gain a better understanding of the breeding and race industries abroad.

Horticulture Program Europe Trip
DATE: Mid-to-late April
LENGTH: 7 days
TIMING: Year 1 or Year 2, End of Winter Semester
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 10-15 students
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: Varies by destination(s) chosen
Credit Course (0.5 credit)
Students in the Horticulture diploma have the opportunity to travel to Europe with their classmates and tour different botanical gardens and creative landscapes. The destination each year for this trip may change, so the travel and personal costs may vary year to year.
Advanced Standing to Further Your Education

Completing a two-year diploma provides a great practical base for many students to develop an interest in continuing their academic studies.

Many graduates will be given advanced standing transfer credits (depending on individual student’s circumstances) when applying to programs of similar areas of study. Some graduates decide to complete a certificate, a post-diploma, another diploma program, an applied degree, or an undergraduate degree.

Earn an Applied Degree

Students may be admitted into an applied degree program at various post-secondary institutions in Ontario or across Canada. Credits from your Ridgetown diploma may be transferable. Please contact the institution you are interested in to learn more about their transfer credit opportunities.

Earn an Undergraduate Degree

Students may be admitted into a University of Guelph degree program provided they meet the specific degree program admission requirements, the majority of which are within the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC). Students interested in applying must have a minimum cumulative average of 75% and may be required to have a 4U Advanced Functions high school credit and a 4U Chemistry high school credit.

Please contact the University of Guelph's Admissions’ Office (admission.uoguelph.ca/contact) for more specific degree program requirements, or email pathways@uoguelph.ca.
Abbey, how did your Ridgetown Campus experience prepare you for further education?

“I learned applicable, practical knowledge about agriculture that I will use throughout my career. Keeping busy with campus activities helped build my leadership skills and confidence. Learning at Ridgetown exposed me to new experiences and helped me decide I wanted to expand my opportunities with further education.”

LEADERSHIP / CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
- Vice-President, Student Government
- Spring Expo, Swine Committee Lead & Participant
- Student Ambassador Program
- Intramural Sports

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS
- Governor General’s Academic Bronze Medal Award
- 2019 Outstanding Female Athlete Award
- Academic Proficiency Award, Agriculture Diploma
- Best All-Round Student Award
- OMAFRA Leadership Award

FUTURE PLANS
- Continuing studies at University of Guelph in a Bachelor of Arts in Food, Agriculture and Resource Economics (FARE)
ADMISSIONS,
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Applying to Programs

STEP 1:
Review your program(s) of choice, the admission requirements, and the tuition and fees

STEP 2:
Complete your Ontario Colleges application online at ontariocolleges.ca by February 1, 2020.
- Please note, February 1, 2020 is the Equal Consideration deadline and the final day to apply to the Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (for both Conventional and Alternative deliveries).

STEP 3:
Check your Ontario Colleges application profile for offers of admission after February 1, 2020 (all programs except Veterinary Technology – Veterinary Technology program offers go out mid-March).

STEP 4:
Attend an Applicant Information Day to check out the campus or book a personal campus tour to see if Ridgetown Campus is the right fit for you.

STEP 5:
Accept your offer of admission by May 1, 2020. Application Program Codes for your Ontario Colleges application (ontariocolleges.ca):
- Agriculture Diploma: R201
- Environmental Management Diploma: R202
- Equine Care and Management Diploma: R204
- Veterinary Technology Diploma (Conventional Delivery): R206
- Veterinary Technology Diploma (Alternative Delivery): R306
- Performance Horse Handler Certificate: R104
- Veterinary Office Administration Certificate: R101

IMPORTANT!
Application Deadline for Equal Consideration: February 1, 2020
Questions about your academic requirements? Contact Barb O’Neill, Campus Registrar, at 519-674-1500 ext. 63610 or at baoneill@uoguelph.ca
Veterinary Technology Admission Requirements 2019 / 2020

**VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA PROGRAMS**

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**4 AREAS OF EVALUATION**

1. **Academic Courses & Mark Requirements**
   - Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or Equivalent;
   - Grade 12C or U Math and English
   - Grade 11C or U Biology
   - Grade 12C or Grade 11U Chemistry

   For each course listed above, a minimum **75% final average at the College Level** is required or **65% final average at the University Level is required.**

2. **If an applicant has not completed Grade 12C or U Math and English** at the time of the application deadline, the applicants’ grade 11 marks will be considered in the assessment process, but the grade 12 courses are still required to be completed at the minimum grade.

3. **Health Occupational Aptitude Exam (HOAE):** Applicants who have met, or are in the process of meeting, the academic requirements, will be required to write this pre-admission test at Ridgetown Campus or another designated testing location.

4. **Students with prior post-secondary education** are to submit their secondary school and post-secondary transcripts for admission consideration.
IMPORTANT ADMISSION NOTES

1. Applications to both delivery methods are assessed based on the following weighting:
   - Academic Marks: 55%
   - HOAE Test Result: 40%
   - Prior Post-Secondary: up to 5%
   - 40 hours of industry-related experience: 0% (but recommended)

2. Both delivery methods are oversubscribed programs (more applications than seats).
   We accept 44 students into both the Conventional Delivery and 44 into the Alternative Delivery.

3. Applying under Mature Student Status (do not hold a high school diploma or equivalent, but are 19 years of age or older and out of high school for a minimum of one year) is not available for the Veterinary Technology diploma (both deliveries).

4. Students accepted into the program and starting in the fall will receive prophylactic rabies immunization beginning the first week of classes and arranged on campus by the program co-ordinator.

5. This is a physically demanding program.

HOAE Testing Options

OPTION 1:
Register online and write your test at Ridgetown Campus

- Typically, there are 3 testing dates at Ridgetown Campus and you will be notified when registration becomes available. Please visit ridgetownc.com closer to our testing dates for additional information/to register online.

OPTION 2:
Write at another college that offers HOAE testing dates

- If you live closer to another Ontario college that offers HOAE testing dates, you may register with that college and write the exam there. Your scores will automatically be forwarded to ontariocolleges.ca and then distributed to any colleges that require your test score for admission purposes.

OPTION 3:
Write at an off-site testing location

- If you live further than 3 hours from our campus and aren’t close to any other colleges that offer the HOAE testing dates, you may request an off-site test. Please contact Judy O’Brien, Administrative Services, Veterinary Technology, for additional information 519-674-1500 ext. 63670, juobrien@uoguelph.ca.

2020 Veterinary Technology HOAE Testing Dates at Ridgetown Campus

• Friday, January 24, 2020
• Friday, January 31, 2020
• Friday, February 14, 2020
# Admission Requirements
## 2019 / 2020

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**START TIME: FALL 2020**

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABOVE COURSES

1. **Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or Equivalent**
2. **A minimum cumulative average of 65%** in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 U, C, M, or O level courses (excludes Co-op credits)
3. **Includes a minimum of Grade 11C Math and Grade 12C English**
4. **OR Mature Student Status** (Do not hold a high school diploma or equivalent, but are 19 years of age or older and out of high school for a minimum of one year; may be required to complete pre-admission testing)

* Year 1 at Ridgetown campus, and Year 2 at Clinton Campus
## Important Dates!

For Interested Students, Applicants & New Students

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Note: All estimates based on 2019 / 2020 admission fees. Actual costs may be higher.

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| **Veterinary Technology Conventional Year 1** | Tuition (Two Semesters): ... .......................... $3,306.00  
Student Organization Fees: .......................................................... $382.00  
Additional Program Fees: .......................................................... $1,993.00  
Accreditation Fee: .......................................................... $60.00  
Rabies Immunization: .......................................................... $750.00  
Building Fee: .......................................................... $83.00  
Student Dental Insurance: .......................................................... $165.00  
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**SUB-TOTAL:** .......................................................... $6,821.00  
Textbooks: .......................................................... $1,526.00 | $2,595.00 | $3,036.00 | $3,000.00 | $16,978.00 |
|                                     | **$8,347.00** |                                      |                      |                      |                       |
| **Veterinary Technology Alternative Year 1** | Tuition (Three Semesters): ... .......................... $2,202.00  
Student Organization Fees: .......................................................... $64.00  
Additional Program Fees: .......................................................... $1,329.00  
Accreditation Fee: .......................................................... $40.00  
Rabies Immunization: .......................................................... $750.00  
Building Fee: .......................................................... $41.00  
Manuals: .......................................................... $350.00  
Student Dental Insurance: .......................................................... $165.00  
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**SUB-TOTAL:** .......................................................... $5,106.00  
Textbooks: .......................................................... $1,488.00 | No Student Residence Available Year 1 | No Meal Plan Available Year 1 | $3,000.00 | Total Amount Varies |
|                                     | **$6,594.00** |                                      |                      |                      |                       |
| **CERTIFICATES (1 YEAR PROGRAM)**   | Tuition (Two Semesters): ... .......................... $7,452.00  
Student Organization Fees: .......................................................... $25.00  
Student Dental Insurance: .......................................................... $165.00  
Student Health Insurance: .......................................................... $165.00  
**SUB-TOTAL:** .......................................................... $7,594.00  
Textbooks & Supplies: .......................................................... $1,400.00 | No Student Residence Available Year 1 | No Meal Plan Available Year 1 | $3,000.00 | Total Amount Varies |
| **Performance Horse Handler Year 1** | **$9,207.00** |                                      |                      |                      |                       |
| **Veterinary Office Administration Year 1** | Tuition (Two Semesters): ... .......................... $7,452.00  
Student Organization Fees: .......................................................... $382.00  
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Textbooks: .......................................................... $263.00 | $2,595.00 | $3,036.00 | $3,000.00 | **$18,101.00** |
|                                     | **$9,470.00** |                                      |                      |                      |                       |
International Student Admissions & Fees

Ridgetown Campus welcomes international student applications to all of our diploma and certificate programs!

The official secondary school (high school) graduation certificate/diploma that would admit you to an internationally-recognized university in your home country is normally acceptable for applications to our programs.

For further details on out-of-country admission requirements, including the General Certificate of Education (GCE), please refer to our website at admission.uoguelph.ca/international.

Applying to Programs & Supporting Documents Required:

- All program applications go through ontariocolleges.ca, with an application deadline of March 1, 2020.
- Supporting documentation (Assessed/translated transcripts, English Proficiency scores) must be submitted by April 1, 2020.
- Official documents should come directly from the issuing institution or accreditation body in their official sealed envelope. Where English translations are needed, please have the documents verified and sent by the issuing academic institution.
- Post-secondary transcripts must be assessed by World Education Services (WES). Both a credentialed assessment and a course-by-course assessment is required. Supporting documentation can be sent directly to Ridgetown Campus Registrar’s office or to ontariocolleges.ca, to be posted to the applicant’s application profile.

English Proficiency

Applicants will be required to present evidence of English proficiency if:

1. Your primary or first language is not English, and
2. You have had less than four years of full-time secondary or post-secondary school demonstrating satisfactory academic progress in an English-language school system.

Acceptable English Proficiency Tests
(With results dated no more than 2 years prior to application)

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<td>CAEL Canadian Academic English Language Assessment cael.ca</td>
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<td>MELAB Michigan English Language Assessment Battery isa.umich.edu/eli/testing/melab</td>
<td>Minimum overall score of 85 including composition score of 83 and oral score of 3</td>
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<td>PTE Pearson Test of English pearsonpte.com</td>
<td>Minimum overall score of 60 with no score less than 60 in the individual components</td>
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<td>ELCP Advanced Level of the English Language Certificate Program eslguelph.ca <a href="mailto:esl@uoguelph.ca">esl@uoguelph.ca</a></td>
<td>Successful completion of the University of Guelph's Open Learning Advanced level ELCP (levels 9 and 10) is also considered an acceptable form of testing</td>
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Estimated International Tuition and Fees for one year (Canadian Dollars; $CAD)

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Chatham-Kent Community
Health Centres
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For Office Hours
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Student Counselling Services
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Book for On-Campus Appointment
ridcouns@uoguelph.ca,
519-674-1500 ext. 63211

FOR CLINTON STUDENTS
On Site Support for Students in:
• Equine Care and Management Diploma
• Performance Horse Handler Certificate

Student Services Co-ordinator
Kendra Vanden Ouweland
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Equine Care and Management Diploma
and Performance Horse Handler
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ONLINE RESOURCES

Housing in Clinton
For students looking for accommodations see:
ridgetownc.com/current/housing_clinton.cfm

EQUINE SERVICES IN CLINTON
AND AREA

For students looking for boarding, and/or riding
lessons visit: ridgetownc.com/current/equine_
facilities.cfm?loc=Clinton
We invite you to come to Ridgetown to get to know the staff, students, and experience what makes Ridgetown great!

Consider your options to get to know us better. All of these offerings are optional for interested students and parents/friends. It’s our goal to make your visit welcoming and informative.

If you are unable to attend an Open House event, consider booking a Personal Campus Tour. All Open House event information is highlighted on page 63.

BOOK YOUR PERSONAL TOUR

STEP 1: Pre-register online (ridgetownc.com/future/openhouse_tour.cfm)

STEP 2: Choose a campus

STEP 3: Select a time & date

Campus Tours provide the opportunity to:

- Learn about your program of interest
- Meet current students
- Meet program staff
- Learn about career possibilities
- Tour campus facilities
- Learn about campus student services
- Have your questions answered

COME VISIT US!
519-674-1500
120 Main St. E., Ridgetown, ON N0P 2C0

FOR ALL STUDENTS:
- Campus Tours (Ridgetown)
- Academic Program Inquiries
- Open House
- Registration Events

Contact Stacia Pepper, Student Recruitment and Communications Co-ordinator
519-674-1500 ext. 63256 rcampus@uoguelph.ca
### PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ONLINE FOR ALL EVENTS
(These are all optional activities)

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