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Ridgetown Campus
Welcome to Ridgetown Campus

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME
Welcome to the University of Guelph’s Ridgetown Campus. In choosing U of G, you are joining an innovative institution known as one of Canada’s leading comprehensive universities that is both learner-centred and research-intensive.

At the University of Guelph, we are committed to turning knowledge into action.

At Ridgetown Campus, you will acquire the tools you’ll need to continue learning and adapting to an ever-changing world, and you will gain inspiration to apply what you learn to improve life for yourself and for others, here and around the world.

As a Ridgetown student, you are part of the University of Guelph’s Ontario Agricultural College, which draws on a long tradition of innovative learning and research. You will work and learn with outstanding faculty and staff who bring fresh ideas to the classroom and whose research finds real-world applications that benefit us all.

We look forward to welcoming you to our U of G community and to helping you find ways to use your education to improve life.

Franco J. Vaccarino, PhD, FCAHS
President and Vice-Chancellor
University of Guelph

DIRECTOR’S WELCOME
At the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, we strive to improve the lives of all who study at Ridgetown Campus 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, the environment, animal care, or the equine industry, you can be assured that you will receive a first-class education from excellent instructors and world-class researchers.

We are proud that our campus offers a wide range of applied research and academic programs addressing food, agriculture, rural communities, and the environment. 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 effective 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. We hope you will join our student body in the fall of 2019.

Ken McEwan, MSc
Director
University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus
Why Choose Ridgetown Campus?

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

Small Campus
The 650 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 student 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 already 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.

Want to learn more about us?
Come visit!
Pre-register for one of our open house events online or book a personal campus tour to learn more about the programs we offer and to see our facilities.

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amcmaho@uoguelph.ca

Clinton Contact (Equine Programs):
Samantha Green
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tappers@uoguelph.ca
About Us
University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus

Founded in 1951 and became a University of Guelph campus in 1997

Vision:
Advancing society through agri-food research and science-based learning

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

Total Enrollment:
650 full-time students

Teaching Staff:
Approximately 45 including faculty, college professors, lecturers, and instructors

Overall Ridgetown Student Experience:
8/10 was the average rating of 2018 graduates for their overall Ridgetown experience
(Source: 2018 Ridgetown Campus Graduation Survey)

Overall Graduate Employment Rate:
91% of 2018 graduates were employed by graduation
(Source: 2018 Ridgetown Campus Graduation Survey)

Campus Size:
450 acres of research land and campus grounds

2017 Program Enrollment

- Veterinary Technology (Alternative) Diploma: 5%
- Veterinary Technology (Conventional) Diploma: 12%
- Horticulture Diploma: 6%
- Performance Horse Handler Certificate: 2%
- Equine Care & Management Diploma: 4%
- Environmental Management Diploma: 5%
- Agriculture Diploma: 54%
Learning at Ridgetown

Award-Winning Agricultural and Environmental Researchers
Ridgetown faculty are recognized across the province and nation for their research expertise and industry extension efforts. You will learn from these accomplished scientists who have responsibilities in research, teaching, and industry extension. 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. Students must ‘pass’ the Industry Work Placement to graduate from their respective program.

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 fair.
University of Guelph Rankings

#1 in Canada for agricultural science
Source: US News & World Report, 2017

#2 in Canada for Plant and Animal Science
Source: US News & World Report, 2017

4th Overall in Canada among all comprehensive universities
Source: Maclean’s Magazine 2017
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
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.

Jaret, how was your transition from living at home to moving to Ridgetown Campus?
“I found the transition to Ridgetown Campus easy; staff and students were friendly and welcoming from the moment I arrived. I made new friends quickly from across Ontario.”

Jaret Parliament
Bloomfield, ON
Senior, Associate
Diploma in Agriculture

Clubs/Leadership
- 4-H Clubs in Prince Edward County
- Intramural Curling
- OAC Winter Games
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
Each program has an academic program co-ordinator who 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 & 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, laptops, printers, and photocopiers in the library 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 each diploma program 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
Our Student Accessibility Services Co-ordinator works with students to remove physical and educational barriers. Please let us know how we can assist you in supporting your experience at Ridgetown Campus. Contact information for student accessibility services can be found on page 57.

Hillary, what academic resources did you use on campus?
“Ridgetown Campus has many staff that welcome your inquiry during office hours, and some are great at emailing or texting to help you out. The Peer Helper program, with senior students helping junior students is also a great way to get that extra help you might need once in a while. There are plenty of resources to support your learning experience.”

HILLARY GBINIJE
Nigeria
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Peer Helper Program
- Student Ambassador Program
- Chaplaincy Program
- Intramural Badminton

Campus Awards and Scholarships
- Outstanding College Citizen, Leonard R. Giffin Memorial Award

Future Plans
- Bachelor of Commerce, Food and Agriculture, Guelph Campus
Our Supportive Campus Community 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/Website
- Financial Assistance
- Off-Campus Student Housing
- Student Recruitment
- Registrar’s Office
- Student Accessibility
- Student Accounts
- Student Awards
- Student Health & Dental Benefits

Spirituality

There is an active chaplaincy program on-campus and many welcoming local churches to support the spiritual interests of students. The campus welcomes students of all faith backgrounds.

Accessible Campus

Students of different abilities are welcome to apply to our programs and attend Ridgetown Campus. Ridgetown Campus strives to be inclusive.

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.
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/Public Health Nurse
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 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.

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

Sports and Fitness

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 & Assistance

Many students need financial assistance to fund their education, and we’re here to help you figure out what options may work best for you. Call or make an appointment with our Financial Aid Officer, Lorena Foster, to discuss different opportunities available.

1) Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), ontario.ca/osap

The Student Awards and Financial Aid Office at Ridgetown Campus administers the Ontario Student Assistance Program for eligible students. The office is available to answer any questions you may have about OSAP in general or the application process.

Loans are interest-free while you’re a full-time student, and repayment of your loan does not start until six months after graduation.

Students studying at Ridgetown Campus from other Canadian provinces/territories should check out what funding options are 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.

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

Please Note: Total costs differ in each program. Please see pages 52-53 for full program costs

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Questions about financial assistance?

Contact Lorena Foster at 519-674-1500 ext. 63507 or at lorenaf@uoguelph.ca
At Ridgetown Campus, we understand that post-secondary education is a large financial commitment. More than $100,000 in scholarships, awards, and bursaries are distributed each year to our diploma and certificate students to help offset educational costs.

**Scholarship:** an award that is based on academic performance. While the merit component is normally academic, it may include such non-academic aspects as leadership, extracurricular activity, volunteerism, and community involvement. Scholarships can be monetary, prizes, or medals. Financial need is not a consideration of scholarships.

**Scholarship with Financial Need:** these awards are based on the same criteria as scholarships, but also take into account demonstrated financial need.

**Bursary:** an award provided to a student on the basis of financial need only. Financial need is determined after an evaluation of the Financial Need Assessment Form (NAF). Academic merit is not a consideration in awarding a bursary. You must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada to be considered for bursaries.

**Entrance Scholarships:** entrance scholarships are monetary awards given to students based on the student’s admission average and demonstration of one or more of the following: academic excellence; leadership abilities; community involvement and extra-curricular involvement.

**In-Course Award:** to be eligible for in-course awards, you must be registered in an academic term and have completed a minimum of two semesters of study at the University of Guelph Ridgetown Campus. In-course awards are available to all currently registered students, unless otherwise stated in the eligibility clause of a specific award.

**Graduation Award:** to be eligible for graduation awards, you must be eligible to graduate from your program of study and demonstrate the criteria for the specific award.

For more information on student awards, check out our campus website at ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/awards, pick up a Student Awards Handbook from Lorena Foster in the Student Awards and Financial Aid office or in one of our display racks located in the Pestell Student Services building.

### Annual Awards and Scholarship Program

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<td><strong>Presented to graduating students at convocation in June</strong></td>
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Job Placement Assistance

Whether you need assistance enhancing your cover letter, resume, 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 resume or cover letter. Let us help you learn effective methods for tailoring your resume 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 throughout the year for full-time, part-time, contract, and summer employment. These postings are for 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—ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/services/jobs_index.cfm 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.

Summer Job Postings – Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Ridgetown

OMAFRA, with an office located on-campus, also hires 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.
Campus Career Fair

Your opportunity to build relationships with industry leaders!
Living on Campus

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

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: Friday, May 31, 2019.

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.

Parking is available on campus for all students for a fee. Parking passes range from $30.00 to $120.00 per year, depending on parking lot location.

Residence Fees (based on 2018-2019 rates)

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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 many 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.

Cafeteria Hours of Service

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<td>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
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For special dietary needs, please speak with our campus chef to ensure your dietary needs are met.

Meal Plan based on 2018-2019 rates

$1,484.00 per semester
Living in Rural Ontario

It all adds up to a big, open space to study in and a great opportunity to enjoy rural Ontario, whether you are studying in Ridgetown or Clinton.

10 Reasons to Study in Rural Ontario!

1. Open, unobstructed views
2. Peaceful and quiet surroundings
3. Laid back, friendly atmosphere
4. Opportunity to enjoy nature
5. Experience rural lifestyles
6. Plenty of parking and light traffic
7. Enjoy local farmers markets throughout both regions
8. Study in the heartland of Ontario agriculture
9. Local conservation areas and beaches, with Ridgetown only 15 minutes off the shores of Lake Erie and Clinton located close to Hullet Provincial Park
10. Explore the on-campus gardens and arboretum located in Ridgetown, with over 700 plant species to see
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, a gas station, 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 (Ridgetown and Area): 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.uoguelph.ca/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
• Downtown shops
• Hockey arena
• Tennis courts
• Walking trails
• Curling rink

National/Provincial Parks
• Rondeau Provincial Park (Rondeau, ON; 18 km)
• Point Peele National Park (Point Peele, ON; 81 km)

Bridget, how did you find living in Ridgetown?
“I liked everything about living in Ridgetown. It’s a small and friendly rural town and had all the basics that I needed. Renting or boarding in the town is comparable to what it would cost in other small rural areas, and there are several options for off-campus housing.”

BRIDGET HEEMAN
Thorndale, ON
Senior, Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• 2018/19 Student Government President
• Dairy Club
• Intramural Sports
• Spring Expo Open House
• Student Ambassador Program
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 (for Clinton and Area): Students enrolled in the Associate Diploma in Equine Care & 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.uoguelph.ca/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:
- Seaford (14 km)
- Blyth (16 km)
- Bayfield (18 km)
- Goderich (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
- Hullet Provincial Park
- Squash courts
- YMCA

National/Provincial Parks
- Hullet Provincial Park (Clinton, ON; 9 km)
- Point Farms Provincial Park (Goderich; 30 km)

Ava, what did you like about living in the town of Clinton while studying at REACH Huron?
“I enjoyed all the benefits of living in a small town. I was able to find a place that suited me, and groceries, banks, drugstores, and restaurants were all close by.”

AVA LASS
New Hamburg, ON
Graduate (2018), Performance Horse Handler Certificate

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Kentucky Trip
- Student Ambassador Program
About the **Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH)**

For students studying in the first year of the Associate Diploma in Equine Care & 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 REACH Facilities:**
- $8-million instructional facility  
- 108’ by 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 Huron 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, Samantha Green at 519-482-3998 ext.1497 or by email tappers@uoguelph.ca if you are interested in the Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management or the Performance Horse Handler Certificate.
Looking to get involved in activities that build your leadership skills, interpersonal skills, keep you active, and expand your network? Check out some of the opportunities available on-campus that will give you the chance to enhance your student experience, your resume and your confidence.

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 resume, 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.
Student Participation Opportunities

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
- Soil and Crop Club
- Dairy Club
- 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:

Fall Semester
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Indoor Soccer
- Floor Hockey

Winter Semester
- Broomball
- Hockey
- Bowling
- Skating
- Curling

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 the main campus OAC students, held at alternating locations each year (Ridgetown or Guelph).
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.

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

“I found it easy to return to post-secondary education. I was keen to complete my Agriculture Diploma and enhance my skills and knowledge, so returning to school was an experience I was excited about.”

DAN STEWARTSON
Thedford, ON
Senior, Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Dairy Club
• Intramural Sports
• Student Ambassador Program
Enhancing Your Post-Secondary Education

Many students want to add specialized and practical training to their undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate. Considering a Ridgetown two-year diploma or one-year certificate is a great way to do just that.

Why consider further studies?
- It’s just one or two more years of applied, focused study
- Gain practical industry skills and knowledge
- Possibility of networking with industry professionals
- Opportunity to complete an industry work placement (program dependent)
- Study in smaller class sizes

Come for a visit and/or a campus tour and explore the possibilities to make you a better and more qualified graduate ready for today’s global workforce.

Sara, why did you decide to enhance your post-secondary education at Ridgetown?
“I was looking to learn from the best faculty and professors about commercial agriculture production and Ridgetown Campus has some amazing scientists. The Agriculture Diploma program was exactly what I wanted to enhance my bio-chemistry degree and apply the science I love to food production technology.”

SARA MEIDLINGER
Morpeth, ON
Graduate (2018)
Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Peer Helper Program
- Student Ambassador Program

STUDENT AWARDS
- Oullette Family- Agri Food Industry Award
- W.T. Ewen Entrance Scholarship
- Westag Student Life Recognition Award
Academic Programs

Detailed program descriptions and related career opportunities can be found on pages 28 to 45.

**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 through Ridgetown Campus:

- Performance Horse Handler
- 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
Important Numbers for Students

4 LIVESTOCK BARNS ON CAMPUS
We have a dairy, swine, sheep and beef barns on campus; all utilized for student learning.

6 COURSES PER SEMESTER
Most academic programs will have 6 courses per semester, although exceptions do exist.

15 HOURS OF STUDYING and PROJECT WORK
Estimation of the time required for academic studies beyond the classroom to be successful.

25 HOURS OF CLASSES PER WEEK
Most academic programs will have an average of 25-30 hours of class per week. You will generally have classes Monday through Friday.

40 TOTAL HOURS OF ACADEMIC WORK PER WEEK
Most students will spend approximately 40 hours per week on their courses, labs, assignments, and studying for quizzes/tests/exams.

50 MINUTES IN A SINGLE LECTURE
The time allocated for a single lecture period at Ridgetown Campus. Some lectures will be longer and include a short break.

50 PERCENT is a COURSE PASS
A final mark of 50% is a course pass.

60 PERCENT OVERALL AVERAGE REQUIRED TO GRADUATE
A student must have a minimum 60% cumulative average to pass their diploma or certificate.

120 MINUTES IN A TWO-HOUR LAB
Courses will often have a laboratory period for applied practice of theory and/or material review and application.

650 STUDENTS ON CAMPUS
You will be part of this small campus community and you will have the opportunity to excel in this environment.

3,000 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE TOWN OF RIDGETOWN
You will live and study in a small, safe, rural community environment located in Chatham-Kent.
Associate Diploma in Agriculture

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/agr

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: 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
- Large Herd Manager
- 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

SEMESTER 2 – WINTER
Required Courses
- Agricultural Mechanization & Safety
- Animal Science
- Applied Weed Science
- Communications & Software Applications II
- Financial Management

Elective Courses (Select 1)
- Cereal & Forage Management
- Introduction to US Agriculture (non-credit)
- Plant Propagation
- Precision Agriculture
- Sales & Sales Management*

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 I
- Fruit Production
- Greenhouse Management
- Insect & Disease Management
- Machinery Maintenance
- Pork Production
- Small Ruminant Production
- Vegetable Production

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
- Dairy Production II
- Farm Structures & Environment
- Greenhouse Vegetable Production
- Leadership
- Nutrient Management
- Organic Production
- Poultry Production
- Renewable Energy & Agriculture
- Ruminant Nutrition

* Agriculture students must complete Sales & Sales Management, Commodity Marketing, or Marketing to meet diploma completion requirements.

Casey, why did you select Ridgetown Campus for your Agriculture Diploma?

“I wanted to learn about agribusiness and production agriculture. Ridgetown’s diploma gave me flexibility in my course selections, so along with completing required courses, I could also focus on what interested me most.”

CASEY McGEE
Port Lambton, ON
Graduate (2018), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Intramural Sports teams
- OAC Winter Games

STUDENT AWARDS
- Alois Popper Memorial Scholarship
- Best All-Round Male Athlete
- R. L. Stratton Scholarship
Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/em

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: September
Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: R202

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 resource management, 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
- Students taking the Sewage and Waste Water course experience their lab components at the wastewater treatment facility in Ridgetown
- Become eligible to write:
  - the Ministry of Environment Operator in Training (OIT) 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 (OACETT)
  - entry level for Drinking Water Operators exam (with preparation during the semester 4 elective Entry-Level Drinking Water Operations course)
- On-campus anaerobic digester demonstration and research facilities

Sample Careers
- Agriculture Environment 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
# 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

**Restricted Elective Courses (Select 1)**
- Advanced Math & Water Chemistry
- Precision Agriculture
- Sales & Sales Management

## YEAR 2

### SEMESTER 3 – FALL

**Required Courses**
- Business Practices & Ethics
- Ecology
- Introduction to GIS
- Occupational Health & Safety

**Restricted Elective Courses (Select 2)**
- Agricultural & Environmental Stewardship
- Sewage & Waste Water Treatment
- Water Treatment
- Watershed Management & Conservation

### SEMESTER 4 – WINTER

**Required Courses**
- Environmental Project
- Human Resource Management

**Restricted 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.

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

“I really liked the diversity of the academic program when I researched it. I came to an open house at Ridgetown Campus for future students to explore the campus. I felt really good about that experience, and I knew Ridgetown Campus was the right place for me to study!”

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**SAMANTHA REID**

Stirling, ON
Graduate (2018), Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

**CLUBS/LEADERSHIP**
- Intramural Sports
- Peer Helper Program
- Spring Expo Open House Co-Chair
- Student Ambassador Program

**STUDENT AWARDS**
- OMAFRA Leadership Award
- W.T. Ewen Entrance Scholarship
- Westag Student Life Recognition Award
Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/equine

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: 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 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
- Two location delivery method: Year one in Clinton, ON at REACH, year two in Ridgetown, ON
- Four-week industry work placement at the end of semester 4

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

Sample Careers
- Equine Communications Co-ordinator
- Equine Events Manager
- Equine Facility Manager/Owener
- Equine Marketing & Sales Representatives
- Equine Rehabilitation Technician
- Equine Research Assistant
- Exercise Rider
- Feed or Tack Retail Operator
- Horse Breeder
- Horse Trainer
- Professional Groom
- 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

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
• Practical Horse Care III

SEMESTER 4 – WINTER
Required Courses
• Agricultural Mechanization & Safety
• Equine Business Venture
• Financial Management
• Human Resource Management
• Leadership
• Marketing

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.

Marin, can you tell me why you selected to study in the Equine Care & Management Diploma program?

“I wanted a well-rounded equine education and I liked the academic program outline. The REACH Huron facilities were amazing to learn in. My instructors and the teaching barn staff had diversified equine backgrounds.”

MARIN PEARSON
Russell, ON
Senior, Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Spring Expo Open House
• Student Ambassador Program
Associate Diploma in Horticulture

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/hort

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: 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 Integrated Pest Management

Elective Courses (Select 2)
• Advanced Greenhouse Vegetable Production
• Greenhouse Ornamental Production
• Horticultural Equipment Management

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

Evan, what grabbed your attention and interest in the Horticulture Diploma program?
“Ridgetown Campus has plenty of green spaces as well as hundreds of tree and shrub species on campus. I felt very comfortable and wanted to be in a small class size and at a smaller campus. Ridgetown Campus really suited my learning style perfectly, and I also got a summer job on campus in my area of study.”

Evan Jenkins
Belmont, ON
Graduate (2018), Associate Diploma in Horticulture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Horticulture Club
• Intramural Sports
• Student Ambassador Program

STUDENT AWARDS
• Ouellette Family – Academic and Leadership Award
Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional Delivery)

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/vtc

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: 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 Herdsman
• Veterinary Technician (companion, mixed, or large animal practice)
# Program Curriculum

## YEAR 1

### SEMESTER 1 – FALL

**Required Courses**
- Communication & 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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**Carley, what do you like best about the Veterinary Technology Diploma?**

“Many aspects of the program are attractive; from small class sizes to extensive applied and practical learning. Ridgetown has many opportunities to learn about large animals (dairy cows, beef cows, sheep, swine, and horses) and they have great dog and cat colonies too. It can be an intense learning environment and it challenges me to meet my personal academic goals.”

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**CARLEY SMIDS**
Thamesville, ON  
Senior, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional)

**CLUBS/LEADERSHIP**
- Spring Expo Open House  
- Student Ambassador Program
Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Alternative Delivery)

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/vta

3 years (9 semesters) | 3 Fall and 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
- On-campus training for 13 weeks beginning in May and ending in July for three consecutive summers
- 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 (DISTANCE)
- Introduction to Veterinary Technology
- Large Animal Production Management I

SEMESTER 2 – WINTER (DISTANCE)
- Companion Animal Management
- Large Animal Production Management II

SEMESTER 3 – SUMMER (ON-CAMPUS)
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Communication & Veterinary Software
- Medical Exercises I
- Medical Exercises II
- Microbiology, Cytology, & Hematology I
- Pharmacology & Vet. Tech. Math
- Urinalysis

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 4 – FALL (DISTANCE)
- Introduction to Immunobiology
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques I

SEMESTER 5 – WINTER (DISTANCE)
- Introduction to Anaesthetic Principles
- Introduction to Radiography

SEMESTER 6 – SUMMER (ON-CAMPUS)
- Animal Dentistry I
- Clinical Chemistry
- Exercises in Radiography I
- Hematology II
- Surgical Exercises
- Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques II

YEAR 3

SEMESTER 7 – FALL (DISTANCE)
- Laboratory & Exotic Animal Science

SEMESTER 8 – WINTER (DISTANCE)
- Public Health
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques III

SEMESTER 9 – SUMMER (ON-CAMPUS)
- Animal Dentistry II
- Radiography II
- Surgical & Anaesthetic Principles II
- Veterinary Clinic Management
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques IV
- Veterinary Parasitology
- Vet. Tech. Practical Applications

INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT
6 Weeks
All students must satisfactorily complete a 6-week placement in the veterinary industry upon successful completion of Semester 9 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.

Rebecka, why was the Veterinary Technology Alternative delivery the right fit for you?
“It was just great because it allowed me to study from home, while working, and also enjoy the benefits of on-campus learning during the summer months.”

REBECKA NEVILLE
Innisfil, ON
Junior, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Alternative)

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Ridgetown Campus Sod Buster Volunteer
Performance Horse Handler Certificate

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/phh

1 year (2 semesters) | Start/Intake: 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

SEMESTER 1 – FALL
Required Courses
• Applied Anatomy & Problems of the Performance Horse I
• Equine Behaviour & Handling I
• Equine Facility Maintenance
• Equine Health, Wellness, & Disease Prevention
• Management, Safety, & Economics in the Barn I
• Tools for Employment Success

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.

SEMESTER 2 – WINTER
Required Courses
• Applied Anatomy & Problems of the Performance Horse II
• Applied Performance Horse Conditioning
• Business & Professionalism
• Equine Behaviour & Handling II
• Equine Health & Bio-Security
• Management, Safety, & Economics in the Barn II

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.

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

Future Plans
• To further my post-secondary education
Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/cvoa

1 year (2 semesters) | Start/Intake: September
Apply at: ontarioccolleges.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
- Grooming/Boarding Entrepreneur
- Office Manager
- Pet Care Supply Representative
- Pet Boarding Business Entrepreneur
- Pet Store Customer Service Representative
- Veterinary Office Receptionist
Janine, how would you describe your learning experience in the Veterinary Office Administration Certificate program?

“Everything about this experience was positive for me; I loved it all! The teaching team was excellent, and the curriculum was diversified, relevant and practical.”

JANINE TEBOKKEL
Utopia, ON
Graduate (2017), Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Campus Chaplaincy Program
- Intramural Sports
- Student Ambassador Program

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.
Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship Program

bdc.ridgetownc.com/getcertificate/dairy-herdsperson-apprenticeship

Next Start/Intake: Fall 2019
Apply at: Ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship | Application Program 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 Apprenticeship?
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.

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.

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

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

Janneke, tell us about your experience in the Dairy Herdsperson program at Ridgetown.

“I really wanted to learn more about dairy farming and agriculture, while still working full-time on my family dairy farm. I have enjoyed visiting other dairy farms and learning more about how they are set-up and operate. I like that I can put my new knowledge to use on the home farm between my in-class sessions at Ridgetown.”

**JANNEKE VAN DEN NIEUWELAAR**
Dorchester, ON

**On-Farm Training:** New Glade Farm

**Farm Details:** 120 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.

FOR CREDIT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

**US Agricultural Study Tour**

**TRIP DATE:** End of August/Early September  
**TRIP LENGTH:** 7 days  
**TRIP TIMING:** Summer between Year 1 and 2  
**APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS:** $950.00 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**

**TRIP DATE:** End of September/ Early October  
**TRIP LENGTH:** 4.5 days  
**TRIP TIMING:** Year 2, Semester 3  
**APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS:** $700.00 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**

**TRIP DATE:** February Break Week  
**TRIP LENGTH:** 7 days  
**TRIP 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.
NON-CREDIT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Equine Programs Kentucky Trip
TRIP DATE: Thanksgiving holiday weekend
TRIP LENGTH: 4 days
TRIP TIMING: Year 1 or Year 2, Fall Semester
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 25-30 students
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $750 plus personal spending and meals

- 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.

Horticulture Program Europe Trip
TRIP DATE: Mid-to-late April
TRIP LENGTH: 7 days
TRIP 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

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.

Dairy Farm Tours Trip
TRIP DATE: End of February Break Week
TRIP LENGTH: 4 days
TRIP TIMING: Year 1 or Year 2, Winter Semester
APPROXIMATE GROUP SIZE: 30 students
APPROXIMATE COST FOR STUDENTS: $400.00 plus personal spending and meals

Students who have a keen interest in learning more about dairy production can take part in this trip that travels to Quebec and through New York (every other year; travel through Ontario for the other years). This trip stops at numerous dairy operations, giving students the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the dairy industry and network with professionals.
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. Ridgetown Campus students who decide to continue their studies give credit to their Ridgetown experience as the motivator for this decision. 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 applying 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.

Morgan, how did your Ridgetown Campus experience prepare you for further education?

“During my time at Ridgetown Campus, I developed my confidence by trying new things and getting involved in a number of extracurricular activities. I also realized how much I enjoy learning and I’m looking forward to furthering my studies in Olds, Alberta at Olds College.”

Morgan McNulty
Rentrew, ON
Graduate (2018), Associate Diploma in Agriculture
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
- Dairy Club
- Intramural Sports
- Soil and Crop Club
- Spring Expo Open House
- Student Ambassador Program

STUDENT AWARDS
- Outstanding College Citizen
- Westag Student Life Recognition Award
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, 2019.
• Please note, Friday, February 1, 2019 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 Friday, February 1, 2019 (all programs except Veterinary Technology – veterinary technology program offers go out mid-March).

STEP 4:
Attend an Applicant Information Day (dates on the back cover) 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 Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Application Program Codes for your Ontario Colleges application (ontariocolleges.ca):
• Agriculture Diploma: R201
• Environmental Management Diploma: R202
• Equine Care & Management Diploma: R204
• Horticulture Diploma: R205
• 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:
Friday, February 1, 2019

Questions about your academic requirements?
Contact Barb O’Neill, Assistant Registrar, at 519-674-1500 ext. 63610 or at baoneill@uoguelph.ca
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To further discuss program admission requirements please contact: Contact Barb O’Neill, Assistant Registrar 519-674-1500 ext. 63610 | baoneill@uoguelph.ca
Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional & Alternative Deliveries) Admission Requirements

Start/Intake: Fall

• Conventional Delivery: **R206**
• Alternative Delivery: **R306**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY: 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.
   - 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.

2) 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.

3) Students with prior post-secondary education are to submit their secondary school and post-secondary transcripts for admission consideration.

4) Proof of 40 hrs. of related work experience in a veterinary clinic or hospital is required by August 1 of your application year, prior to entrance into the program. These hours can be completed as a high school co-op, volunteer work, or paid employment.

IMPORTANT ADMISSION NOTES

1) Applications to both delivery methods are assessed based on the following weighting:
   - Academic Marks: 55%
   - HOAE Test Result: 45%
   - Prior Post-Secondary: up to 5%
   - 40 hours of industry-related experience: 0% (but mandatory)

2) Both delivery methods are oversubscribed programs (more applications than seats). We accept 44 students into both the conventional delivery method and 44 into the alternative delivery method.

3) Applying under Mature Student Status (do not hold a high school diploma or equivalent, but are 18 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 ridetownc.uoguelph.ca 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)

NOTE: Be sure to closely review all colleges Veterinary Technology program admission requirements as different colleges may require different pre-admissions testing!

2019 Veterinary Technology HOAE Testing Dates at Ridgetown Campus

• Friday, January 11, 2019
• Friday, February 15, 2019
• Friday February 22, 2019
### Estimated Annual (2 Semesters) Costs

Note: All estimates based on 2018/2019 fees. Actual costs may be higher.

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| **Veterinary Technology Conventional**       | Tuition (Two Semesters): .................. $3,673.00  
Student Organization Fees: ............... $377.00  
Additional Program Fees: ................. $1,994.00  
Accreditation Fee: .......................... $60.00  
Rabies Immunization: ....................... $750.00  
Building Fee: ................................ $82.00  
Student Accident Insurance: .............. $4.00  
Student Dental Insurance: ................. $165.00  
Student Health Insurance: ................. $165.00  
**SUB-TOTAL:** ............................. $7,270.00  
Textbooks: ................................. $1,450.00 | $2,536.00 | $2,968.00 | $3,000 | **$17,224.00** |
| **Veterinary Technology Alternative**        | Tuition (Three Semesters): ................ $2,448.00  
Student Organization Fee: ................ $64.00  
Additional Program Fees: ................ $1,329.00  
Accreditation Fee: ........................ $40.00  
Rabies Immunization: ...................... $750.00  
Manuals: ................................. $350.00  
Building Fee: .............................. $41.00  
Student Accident Insurance: ............... $4.00  
Student Dental Insurance: ................. $165.00  
Student Health Insurance: ................. $165.00  
**SUB-TOTAL:** .......................... $5,356.00  
Textbooks: ................................. $1,115.00 | No Student Residence Available | No Meal Plan Available | Varies Depending on Student (Approx. $3,000.00) | **$9,471.00** |
| **Certificates (1-year Programs)**           | Tuition (Two Semesters): ................ $7,235.00  
Student Organization Fees: ............... $25.00  
Student Accident Insurance: .............. $4.00  
Student Dental Insurance: ................. $165.00  
Student Health Insurance: ................. $165.00  
**SUB-TOTAL:** .......................... $7,594.00  
Textbooks & Supplies: ..................... $1,400.00 | No Student Residence Available | No Meal Plan Available | Varies Depending on Student (Approx. $3,000.00) | **$14,688.00** |
| **Veterinary Office Administration**         | Tuition (Two Semesters): ................ $7,236.00  
Student Organization Fees: ............... $377.00  
Rabies Vaccination: ........................ $750.00  
Manuals: ................................. $180.00  
Accreditation Fee: ........................ $60.00  
Building Fee: ................................ $82.00  
Student Accident Insurance: ............... $4.00  
Student Dental Insurance: ................. $165.00  
Student Health Insurance: ................. $165.00  
**SUB-TOTAL:** .......................... $9,019.00  
Textbooks: ................................. $352.00 | $2,536.00 | $2,968.00 | $3,000 | **$17,875.00** |
International Student Admissions

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, 2019
• Supporting documentation (Assessed/translated transcripts, English Proficiency scores) must be submitted by April 1, 2019
• 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>IELTS International English Language Testing System ielts.org</td>
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<td>TOEFL Test of English as a Foreign Language toefl.org</td>
<td>Internet based: minimum total score of 89 with no individual scaled scores of less than 21. Computer based: minimum score of 250. Paper-based: minimum score of 600. Test of written English: with a score of 5</td>
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<td>CAEL Canadian Academic English Language Assessment cael.ca</td>
<td>Minimum overall band score of 70</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 esguelph.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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Note: All international students must purchase the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) each year at an approximate cost of $624.00, not included in the above totals.
Connect with Us

Note: Students studying at REACH Huron in Clinton will have contacts at both Clinton and Ridgetown locations.

**Student Recruitment and Communications Co-ordinator**

Alison McMahon  
rcampus@uoguelph.ca  519-674-1500 ext. 63256

- Campus Tours (Ridgetown)
- Academic Program Inquiries
- Open House Event Information/Registrations

**FOR CLINTON STUDENTS**
(Equine Programs – Diploma and Certificate)

**On-Site Student Recruitment – Academic Program & Facilities Tours in Clinton**

Samantha Green  
tappers@uoguelph.ca | 519-482-3998 ext. 1497

**On-Site Student Services Co-ordinator in Clinton**

Samantha Green  
tappers@uoguelph.ca | 519-482-3998 ext. 1497

**On-Site Interim Equine Industry Program Co-ordinator (Clinton location)**

Kristyn Englert  
krisengl@uoguelph.ca | 519-482-3998 ext. 1496

**ONLINE RESOURCES (Clinton Students Only)**

**Housing in Clinton**
(for students looking for accommodations)

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/current/housing_clinton.cfm

**Equine Services in Clinton and Area**
(for students looking for boarding/riding)

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/current/equine_facilities.cfm?loc=Clinton
FOR ALL STUDENTS
Campus Services: 519-674-1500
ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca

Student Awards
Lorena Foster
lorenaf@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63507

Financial Aid Services (OSAP)
Lorena Foster
lorenaf@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63507

Library Services
Becky Clark
bclark01@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63540

Off-Campus Housing Services
Connie Reynolds
creyo03@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63517

Residence and Recreation Services
Vicki King
vking@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63536

Student Accessibility Services
Amy Wszol
rcsas@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63206

Student Accounts
Janine Bedford
jbedford@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63511

Website Services
Joseph Krogman
jkrogman@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63528

Academic Administration
Interim Associate Director, Academic
Dr. Darren Robinson
drobi@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63604

Campus Registrar, Admission Services
Barb O’Neill
baoneill@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63610

Academic Skills Consultant
Kimberly Sonneveld
sonneveld@uoguelph.ca

Academic Program Co-ordinators
Agriculture and Horticulture
Programs Co-ordinator
John Zandstra
jzandstr@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63627

Interim Equine Care & Management Program Co-ordinator
(Ridgetown Location)
Marion Beach
mbeach@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63523

Environmental Management
Program Co-ordinator
Dr. Simon Lachance
slachanc@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63633

Interim Veterinary Technology Program
Co-ordinator
Devon Core
core@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63268

Veterinary Office Administration Program
Co-ordinator
Marion Beach
beach@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63523

On-Campus Community Services
Life-Skills Coaching and Chaplaincy Services
Rev. Doug Rowley
drow@uoguelph.ca | ext. 63211

Nurse Practitioner
Chatham-Kent Community Health Centres
Drop in, Weekly On-Campus Office Hours
519-397-5455 select 1 for Chatham Office

Student Counseling Services
Shannon Stephenson
Book for On-Campus Appointment
ridcouns@uoguelph.ca, 519-674-1500 ext. 63211
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<td>– Acceptance deadline for offers of admission at ontariocolleges.ca</td>
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<td>– New student information packages mailed to new students</td>
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<td>* Diploma student course selection opens</td>
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Where to Find Us

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, RIDGETOWN CAMPUS
120 Main Street East, Ridgetown, Ontario N0P 2C0
519-674-1500
ridetownc.uoguelph.ca
- Located two hours southwest of the University of Guelph main campus in Guelph, Ontario

CLINTON LOCATION AT REACH HURON
169 Beech Street, Clinton, Ontario N0M 1L0
519-482-3998
- Located two hours north of Ridgetown Campus in Ridgetown, ON

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH – MAIN CAMPUS
50 Stone Road East, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1
519-824-4120 uoguelph.ca
Future Student Open House Events

Pre-register online for a Fall or Spring Open House at: ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/future/openhouse.cfm

Fall 2018

RED CARPET DAY IN CLINTON
Wednesday, November 21, 2018
For students interested in:
• Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management
• Performance Horse Handler Certificate
* Note: This event will be held in Clinton, ON at the REACH facility

RED CARPET DAYS IN RIDGETOWN
Tuesday, November 27, 2018
For students interested in:
• Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional and Alternative Deliveries)
• Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

Wednesday, November 28, 2018
For students interested in:
• Associate Diploma in Agriculture
• Associate Diploma in Environmental Management
• Associate Diploma in Horticulture

Spring 2019

APPLICANT INFORMATION DAY IN CLINTON
Friday, March 29, 2019
For students interested in:
• Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management
• Performance Horse Handler Certificate
* Note: This event will be held in Clinton, ON at the REACH facility

APPLICANT INFORMATION DAYS IN RIDGETOWN
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
For students interested in:
• Associate Diploma in Agriculture
• Associate Diploma in Environmental Management
• Associate Diploma in Horticulture

Monday, April 1, 2019
For students interested in:
• Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional and Alternative Deliveries)
• Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

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