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RIDGETOWN CAMPUS

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IMPROVE LIFE.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO FUTURE STUDENTS

Thank you for your interest in Ridgetown Campus! We look forward to starting the conversation with you about the great academic and student-life opportunities we have to offer, as well as getting to know you better.

We want you to know that at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, the health and well-being of our students, staff, and faculty are paramount. Amid the uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, some programs, services and/or options offered at Ridgetown Campus may change, or be unavailable. We will do our best to keep you informed on any future changes.

Please continue to check our website at ridgetownc.com for updated information, or contact us directly with your questions at rcampus@uoguelph.ca.

Join us as a new student in Fall 2021!

WELCOME



**University of Guelph,
Ridgetown Campus**

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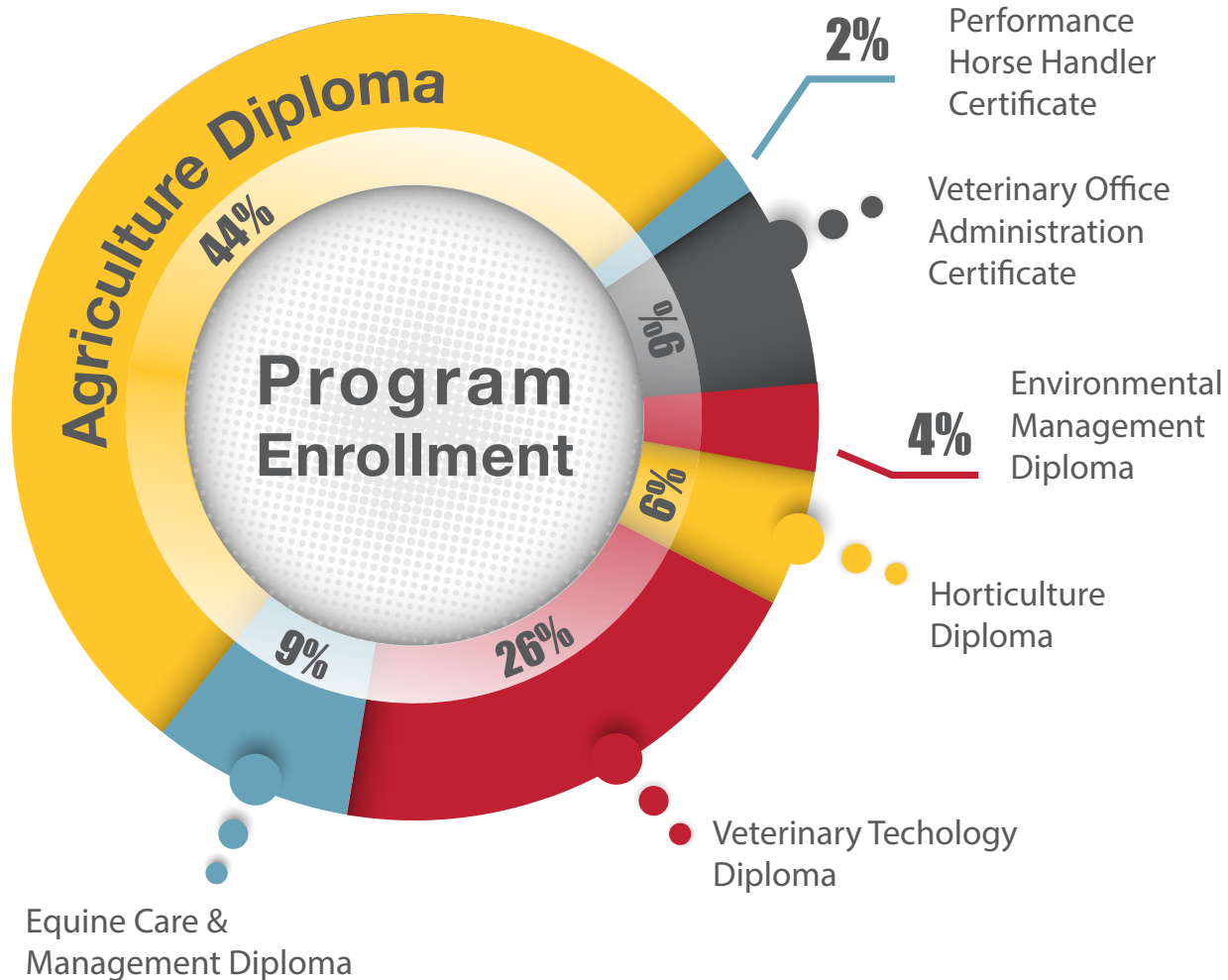


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**FOUNDED IN 1951
AND BECAME A
UNIVERSITY OF
GUELPH CAMPUS
IN 1997**

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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

550
FULL-TIME
STUDENTS

45
TEACHING
STAFF

8/10
OVERALL CAMPUS
EXPERIENCE

88%
OVERALL GRADUATE
EMPLOYMENT RATE

450
ACRES OF RESEARCH
LAND AND CAMPUS
GROUNDS

Why Choose Ridgetown Campus?

Located in rural Ontario, Ridgetown Campus offers top-quality diploma, certificate, and apprenticeship programs. There are many reasons that Ridgetown Campus may be the right fit for you.

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 sharing their extensive knowledge with their students.

Small Campus

The 550 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 students by name and will quickly become part of the campus family.

Industry Reputation

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

Your Program Delivery Locations

In Ridgetown: Ridgetown Campus The campus is located in southwestern Ontario, between London and Windsor, in the small town of Ridgetown. The town of 3,000 people is surrounded by local agriculture.

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 of approximately 3,000 people is home to a modern equine facility.

Ontario Agricultural College (OAC)

Ridgetown Campus has been part of OAC, 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.



ONTARIO
AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE





Learning with Ridgetown Campus

Award-Winning Researchers

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

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

Experienced Professors, Lecturers, and Instructors

Teaching staff bring years of industry practice to your classroom. They are keen to share their work-world stories, talk to you about your

interests, and answer your questions. In our small class sizes, instructors have the opportunity to get to know you.

Industry Work Placements

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

Committed Staff Team

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

Industry Networking

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

Making the Transition

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

Explore Your Campus

A virtual campus visit is a great way to see where you will be studying. Join us at a virtual Open House event or schedule a personal one-on-one session. A virtual information session gives you the opportunity to meet our staff, see our facilities, and most importantly, have your questions answered. More details can be found on page 56.

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.

Start@RC 2021

We have a special program to ensure a smooth transition for students from home to Ridgetown Campus.

It is delivered through various ways including:

- Start@RC Facebook Group
- Start@RC Website
- Start@RC Tour Days

This programming is designed to address questions, help students meet classmates, and become part of the Ridgetown Campus family before classes begin. Getting involved in this program is a great way to help everyone feel comfortable about this important life transition.

Sarah Kiar

Warkworth, ON
Agriculture Diploma Student

Sarah, how was your transition to Ridgetown?

"My transition to Ridgetown Campus was great! I am from a small town, so moving to Ridgetown made it easy to connect and feel at home in the tight-knit community. As I made my transition to Ridgetown, the staff and students made it a lot easier and less stressful as I traveled a far distance to get here. The staff are welcoming and I share many of the same interests as the other students. It is easy to find a common-ground with everyone on the campus; students and professors alike. The small campus size allows a great learning experience."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- OAC Games
- Intramurals
- Spring Expo
- Peer Helper Program
- Soils and Crop Club

Supporting Your Learning Experience

From the moment you become a Ridgetown Campus student, you'll have access to many resources.

Program Counselling

The Program Counsellor provides information about the academic requirements of the diploma program including admission requirements, in-course requirements and graduation requirements.

They will also communicate information about the diploma program and bring forward any concerns or issues as students progress through the Schedule of Studies.

Student Accessibility Services

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

Please visit ridgetownnc.com/services/accessibilityservices.cfm for additional information. Contact information for Student Accessibility Services (SAS) can be found on page 55.

Academic Skills Centre

Our Academic Skills Centre, 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.

Library Services and Resource Centre

The library can help you with your project or assignment needs. It has a wide selection of books, magazines, e-books, and online journal articles. There is also access to computers, printers, and photocopiers that students can use.

Peer Helper Program

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



Esther Visser

Gibraltar, ON
Agriculture Diploma Graduate

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

"I chose to become a Peer Helper because I enjoy helping people and giving back to my community. Being a Peer Helper has been a great opportunity for me to connect with first-year students and help them to succeed academically here at Ridgetown Campus. My role as a Peer Helper has allowed me to not only help my peers, but it also helped me to become a stronger and more confident leader."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Spring Expo Committee
- Intramural Volleyball
- OAC Volleyball
- God on Tap
- Peer Helper Program

AWARDS

- Ontario Grain and Feed Association Diploma Bursary
- Jim Vander Meer Memorial Scholarship
- W.T. Ewen Diploma Entrance Scholarship
- OAC '67A Memorial Scholarship

Campus Community

We offer a broad student experience to support your academic and personal growth. Our campus offers plenty of open green space in a friendly small town atmosphere where you can build your knowledge and skills in a welcoming community environment.

An Inclusive Community

The University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus is committed to fostering a safe educational, working, and living environment, where all University community members experience an authentic sense of inclusion and belonging.

A Full Offering of Student Services

You will find a list of student service contacts on our website: ridgetownc.com/contactus/unit.cfm

Dedicated staff that can enhance your Ridgetown experience:

Student Recruitment/Liaison Co-ordinator

Contact to learn more about our academic programs and applying to Ridgetown Campus.

Campus Registrar

Contact with any of your admissions questions.

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) Co-ordinator

Contact to discuss any situation that may require additional resources to your student success.

Financial Aid and Awards Counsellor

Contact to discuss your OSAP application and/or awards program opportunities.

Program Counsellor

Contact for assistance with course registration and/or academic advice and support.

Student Library

Visit to find a variety of program related resources and an open space for studying.

Student Residence and Recreation Co-ordinator

Contact to discuss our on-campus residence and learn more about our friendly intramural sports options.

Mental Health and Nurse Practitioner Services

Contact to make a confidential appointment to discuss your health.

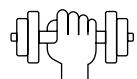
Student Accounts

Contact with any questions about your academic fees and payments.



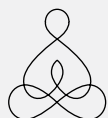
AREAS OF STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

A few ideas to help you manage your health and wellness while being a student:



Physical Health

- Join the intramural sports program
- Use the on-site Fitness Centre
- Contact the Public Health Nurse or Nurse Practitioner
- Get familiar with local pharmacies
- Check your Student Health and Dental Plan



Mental Health

- Book an appointment with Counselling Services
- Check out MyWellness through your Student Health and Dental Plan
- Make good friends at school
- Benefit from the positive attitudes of teaching staff



Social Health

- Get involved in student clubs and leadership opportunities
- Plan to attend some student pubs and special events
- Plan for time with campus friends



Academic Health

- Connect with the Program Counsellor
- For program inquiries, connect with your Program Co-ordinator
- If needed, reach out to learn about Student Accessibility Services
- Sign-up for Student Success Information Sessions
- Enjoy small class sizes



Career Health

- Take a look at the Ridgetown Campus Job Listings Site
- Check out the Experience Guelph job portal
- Plan to attend Career Fairs
- Join a Get to Know Employer Info Session



Financial Health

- Learn more about the Student Awards Program
- Book an appointment with our Financial Aid & Awards Counsellor
- Have your OSAP questions answered



Environmental Health

- Enjoy acres of green space to appreciate nature
- Only a 20-minute drive to the shores of Lake Erie



Spiritual Health

- Check-out the Campus Chaplaincy Program
- Explore local faith communities

Student Awards

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

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

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

Note: Any awards received by OSAP recipients (excluding needs-based bursaries) through the Student Awards Program will be reported as income on a student's OSAP application by the Financial Aid Office.



	Awards & Value
Fall Awards Program: Mid-November <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance Awards • In-Course Awards • Academic Proficiency Application Deadline: Early October	Approximate Number of Awards 40 Approximate Total Value \$40,000
Winter Bursaries: Mid-February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes ACCESS Bursaries Application Deadline: Early October	Approximate Number of Bursary Groups 40 Approximate Total Value \$104,000
Graduation Awards: Early June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented to graduating students at the ceremony in early June • Includes academic proficiency, leadership, and course awards Application Deadline: Start of April	Approximate Number of Awards 58 Approximate Total Value \$35,000

= \$179,000

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the Student Awards Program?

Contact Alison McMahon at 519.674.1500 ext. 63507 or email rcawards@uoguelph.ca for more information

Career Placement Support

Ridgetown Campus grads have a history of strong job placement success.

Our results indicate that 88% of all graduates have work related to their field of study within 8 weeks of completing final exams. Several programs offer Industry Work Placements to help you develop your skills, knowledge, resumé and enhance your industry connections!



We'll Help You Get Career Ready!

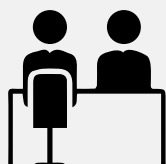
We will offer a variety of ways to help you get ready for work! Here's just some of the options you'll have:



Explore Career Possibilities

Consider your options to learn about today's world of work.

- Visit some popular job posting sites and explore current job details
- Connect with a Ridgetown Campus alumnus working in your chosen field
- Attend a virtual or on-site Career Fair
- Attend a virtual or on-site Employer Info Session



Develop Your Job Readiness Skills

Plan some time to get ready for your next job!

- Register for a job related Student Success Workshop
- Participate in a mock interview opportunity
- Take stock of your current transferable skills and achievements



Search for Jobs

View summer, part-time, contract, permanent, volunteer and work-placement opportunities

- Explore job postings on our website and at Experience Guelph
- Dedicate some time in your schedule for your career search
- Have a conversation with someone who currently has your dream job
- Apply to various opportunities so you can investigate what the employer has to offer you

Our Fall and Spring Career Fairs will attract employers from a wide range of leading organizations.

Campus Living

Steckley Hall Residence gives you the opportunity to meet new friends while enjoying many of the 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 Facts

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



Residence Fees (based on 2020 - 2021 rates)

Double Occupancy: Two students per room

\$1,324.00
Per Semester

Single Occupancy: One student per room

\$2,649.00
Per Semester

Services available in residence include:

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

Please apply by the residence application deadline: May 28, 2021

The residence application can be found on our website at ridgetownc.com/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. Residence is available to students for both their first and second years of studies. Rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis up to 190 spaces. Single room availability is determined by the number of applications to residence received by the application deadline.

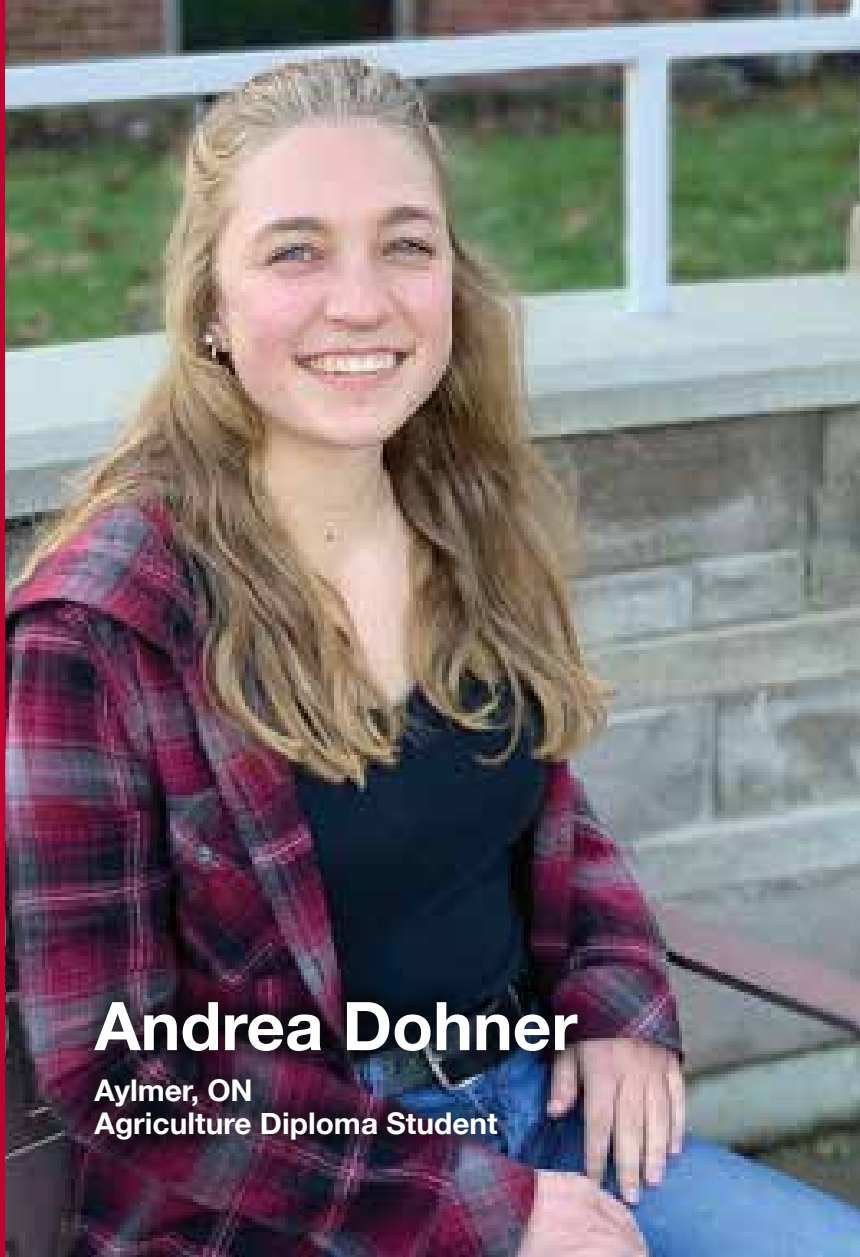
For students studying in the Veterinary Technology Alternative program or staying in Ridgetown for on-campus summer employment, Steckley Hall is not available as a housing option.



**On-Campus
Parking Available!**

**Yearly Parking
Pass Fees:**

\$30.00 - \$120.00
(Fee depends on lot location)



Andrea Dohner

Aylmer, ON
Agriculture Diploma Student

“Living in residence was a really great way to meet people and get involved on campus! It was also a nice, quick, and convenient walk to all of my classes.”

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 the town of Ridgetown as well as a grocery store.

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

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

Cafeteria Service

 Hot Breakfast	7:00AM - 9:00AM
 Continental Breakfast	9:00AM - 10:00AM
 Lunch	11:30AM - 1:00PM
 Dinner	5:00PM - 6:30PM

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

Meal Plan (Per Semester) based on 2020-2021 rates

\$1,595.00

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. This safe and friendly community has banks, pharmacies, restaurants, a grocery store, gas stations, and local shopping opportunities.

Location

- 1 hour west of London, ON
- 1 hour east of Windsor, ON
- 30 minutes east of Chatham, ON

Online Student Housing Listing

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

Some housing options that are available:

- House rental (a room in a house shared with other students)
- Apartment rental (individual or shared with one or more students)
- Room and board (shared with others, sometimes meals provided)

Additional local communities to consider for accommodation:

- Morpeth (7 km)
- Highgate (10 km)
- Blenheim (16 km)
- Thamesville (17 km)
- Kent Bridge (22 km)

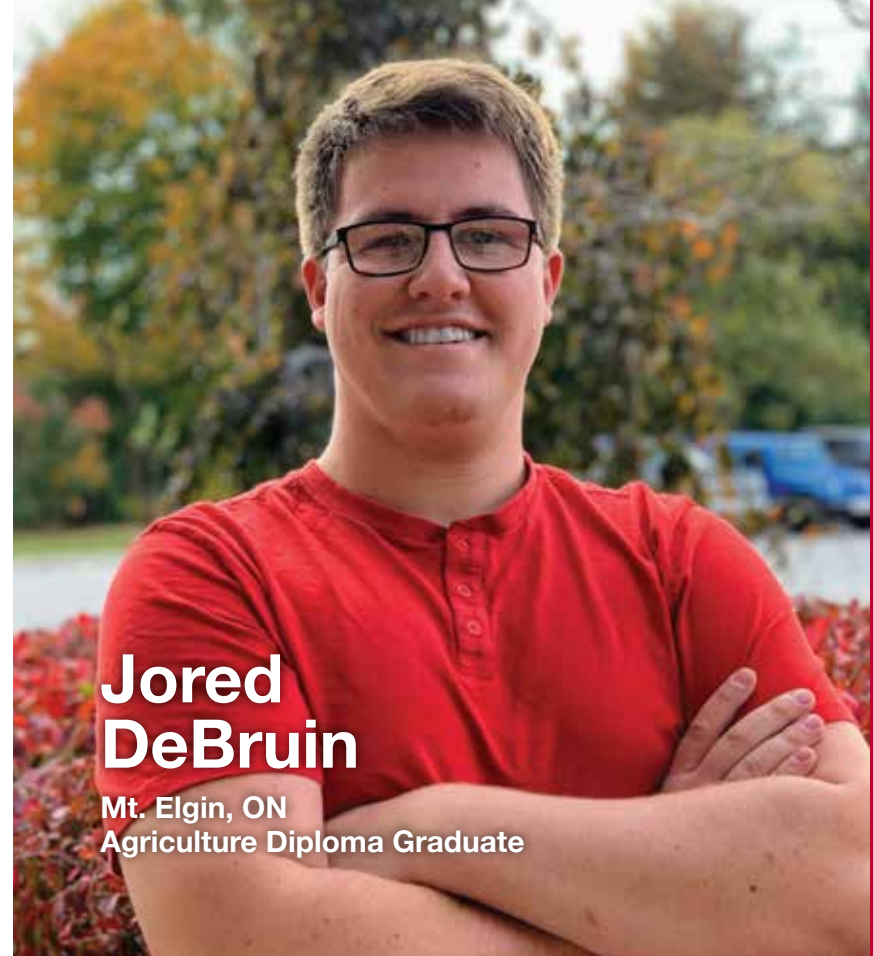
Fun and Recreation in the Area

There are a variety of options in and around Ridgetown for active living, including:

- Bowling alley
- Tennis courts
- Downtown shops
- Walking trails
- Hockey arena
- Curling rink

National/Provincial Parks

- Rondeau Provincial Park (18 km)
- Point Pelee National Park (81 km)



**Jored
DeBruin**

**Mt. Elgin, ON
Agriculture Diploma Graduate**

"Moving to a small town with a strong sense of community made the transition easy for me. Ridgetown has everything a student could need; from plenty of restaurants, a grocery store, banks, pharmacies; everything is in short walking distance. Ridgetown is a perfect home away from home."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Intramural & OAC Volleyball
- Intramural & OAC Badminton
- 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

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

Some housing options that are available are:

- House rental (a room in a house shared with other students)
- Apartment rental (individual or shared with one or more students)

- Room and board (shared with others, sometimes provides meals)

Additional local communities to consider for accommodation:

- Seaforth (14 km)
- Blyth (16 km)
- Goderich (18 km)
- Bayfield (18 km)
- Exeter (24 km)
- Mitchell (32 km)

Larger cities close to Clinton:

- Stratford (52 km)
- London (65 km)
- Kitchener/Waterloo (85 km)

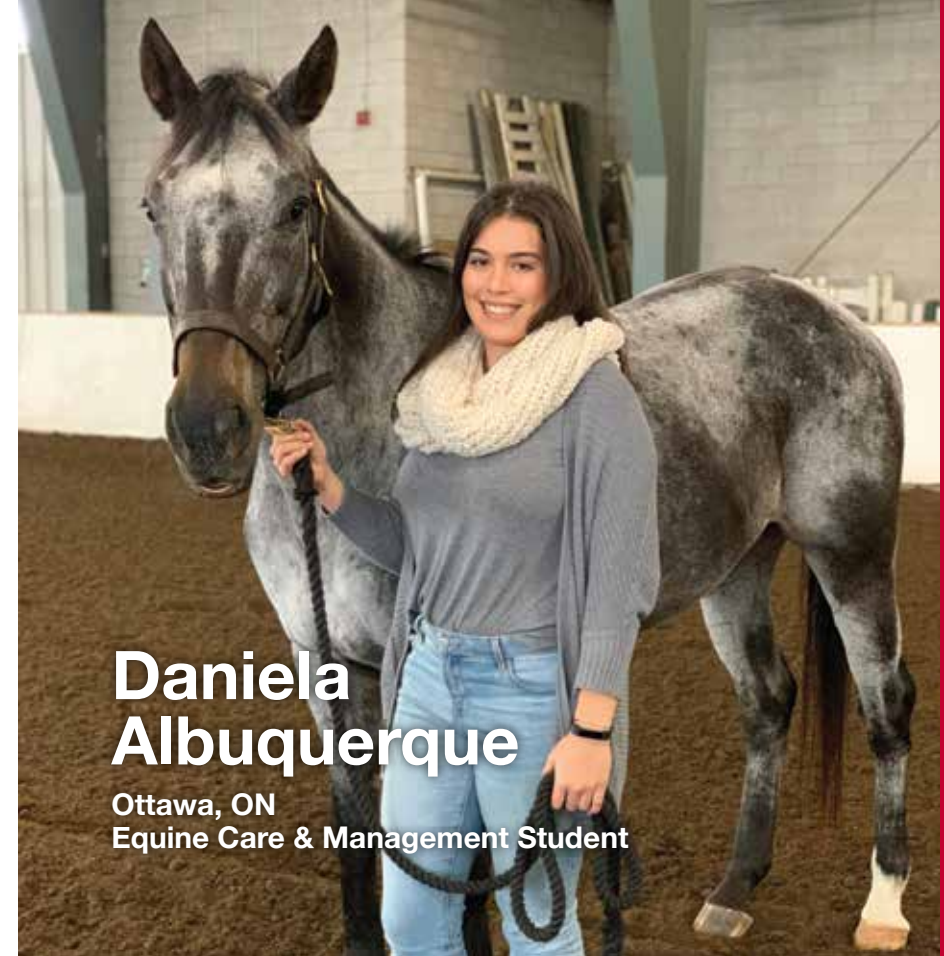
Fun and Recreation in the Area

There are a wide variety of options in Clinton for active living, many within walking distance of REACH:

- Downtown shops
- Hockey arena with indoor walking track
- Squash courts
- YMCA

National/Provincial Parks

- Hullet Provincial Park (9 km)
- Point Farms Provincial Park (30 km)



Daniela Albuquerque

Ottawa, ON
Equine Care & Management Student

"Clinton gives us the best of the countryside; quiet streets, fresh air, and most importantly, it's a safe and welcoming community. Even though it is a small town, we can find everything we need; from a coffee shop, to the essentials. I loved the experience of living in Clinton; I really felt at home. I had all the support that I needed, either from the community, or from the staff at REACH."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- Horsemanship Club
- Event & Food Club

About the Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH)

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

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

DISTANCE FROM RIDGETOWN CAMPUS: Approximately 2 hours

Fast Facts about the REACH Facilities:

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

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 samgreen@uoguelph.ca if you are interested in the Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management, or the Performance Horse Handler Certificate.

Boarding Your Horse

There is limited space for you to board your own horse at REACH. Please contact Cindy Pryce at 519.482.3998 for availability and associated costs. Many other local equine facilities also offer boarding opportunities. Boarding at REACH or other facilities is not managed or arranged by Ridgetown Campus. Check out our website at ridgetownc.com/current/equine_facilities.cfm to view additional boarding opportunities in the Clinton area.



Getting Involved in Student Life

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

Student Leadership Opportunities

Peer Helper Program

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

Student Ambassador Program

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

Spring Expo Committees & Participation

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! You can also enjoy the event by participating in the various shows.

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.

Campus Clubs

Watch for posters and invitations to join a club of your interest, including:

- Animal Behaviour Club
- Equine Club
- Soils and Crop Club
- Dairy Club
- Horsemanship Club (Clinton)
- Horticulture Club
- Yearbook Club
- And more!

Have Fun and Stay Fit!

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

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

OAC Winter Games

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



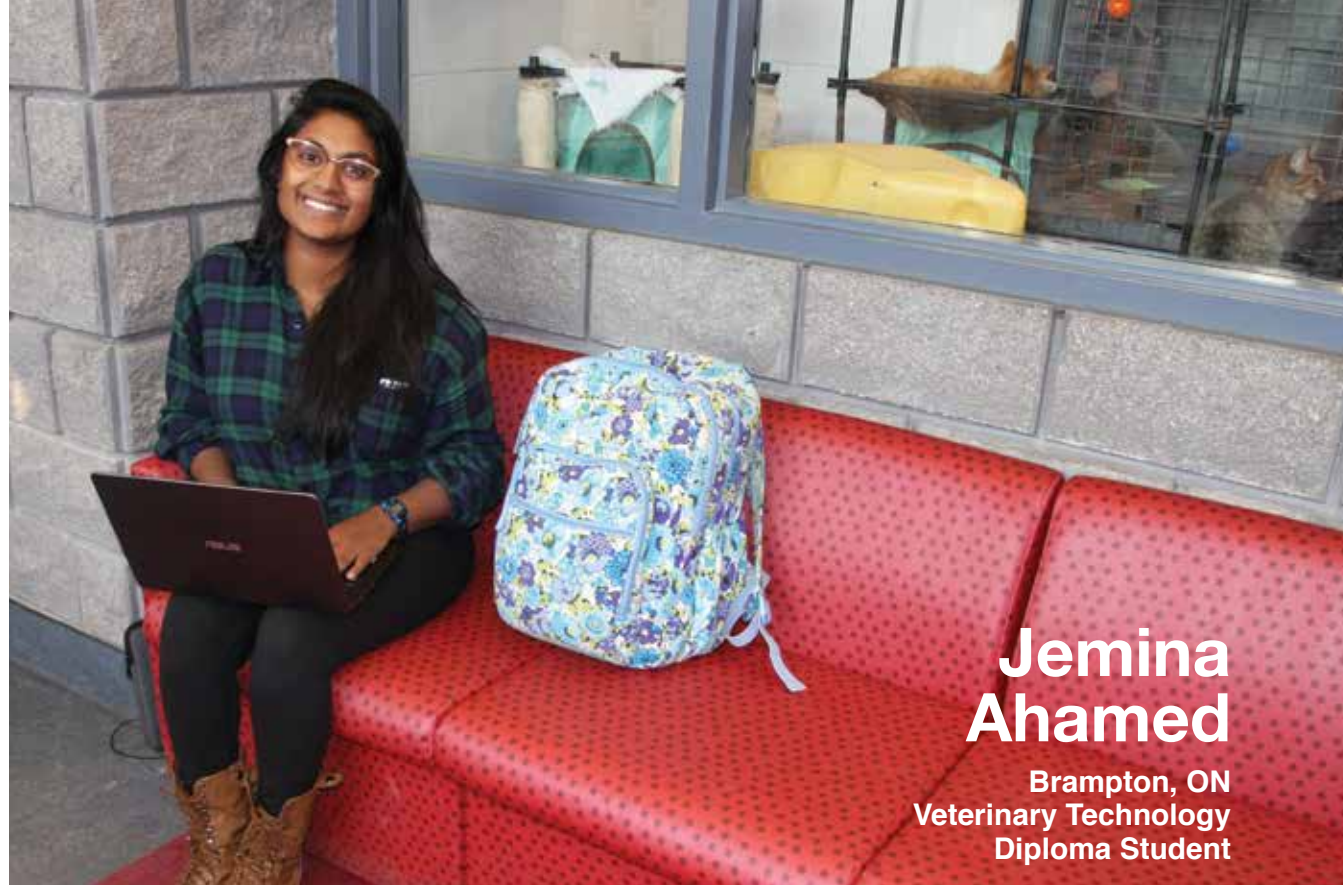
Enhancing Your Post-Secondary Education

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?

- 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
- It's just one or two more years of applied, focused study



**Jemina
Ahamed**

**Brampton, ON
Veterinary Technology
Diploma Student**

Jemina, why did you decide to enhance your post-secondary education at Ridgetown Campus?

"My dream is to pursue a career working with wildlife as a Registered Veterinary Technician. In following this, I knew that the program offered at Ridgetown Campus was where I needed to be. With state-of-the-art facilities and a dedicated and talented teaching staff, this program has prepared me with the knowledge and skills I need to become a successful veterinary technician."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Westag Bursary
- Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited Bursary
- Beaver Foods Bursary
- OAC Diploma Alumni Bursary

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Associate Diploma Programs (2 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** (*3 year program*)
(Alternative Delivery)*

Certificate Programs (1 Year Programs)

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

- **Performance Horse Handler**
- **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**

**Next Intake: September 2022*



Associate Diploma in AGRICULTURE

ridgetownc.com/agr

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: **R201**

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

Program Features

- Applied farm production and agribusiness curriculum focus
- Learn from experienced instructors with exceptional links to Ontario's agricultural community who share their experiences in class
- Optional experiential learning credits are offered through international study opportunities (page 42)
- 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**
- **Field Person / Grower Liaison**
- **GPS / Precision Agriculture Technician**
- **Livestock Farm Manager**
- **Nutrient Management Advisor**
- **Pest Management Scout**
- **Primary Producer**
- **Production Manager**
- **Research Technician**
- **Seed Marketing Specialist**
- **Soil & Crop Consultant**



Program Course Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall Required

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

Semester 2 - Winter Required

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

Electives (Select 2)

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

Year 2

Semester 3 - Fall Required

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

Electives (Select 3)

- Beef Production
- Dairy Herd Management
- Dairy Production Management
- Fruit Production
- Greenhouse Management
- Insect & Disease Management
- Machinery Maintenance
- Pork Production
- Small Ruminant Production
- U.S. Agriculture Study Tour
- Vegetable Production
- World Dairy Expo Study Tour

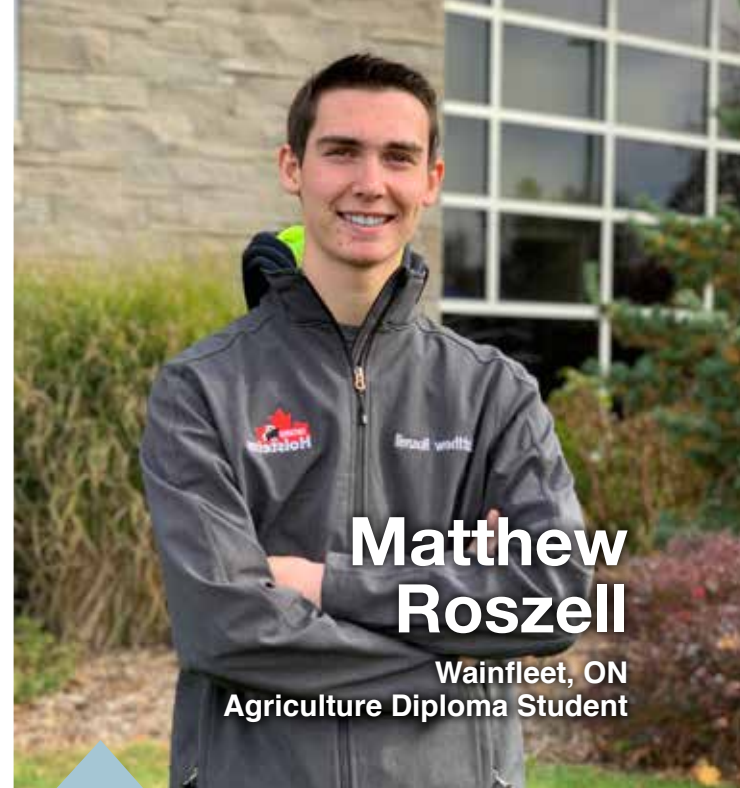
Semester 4 - Winter Required

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

Electives (Select 3)

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

**Students in the Agriculture program must complete one of these courses.*



**Matthew
Roszell**

**Wainfleet, ON
Agriculture Diploma Student**

Matthew, why did you select Ridgetown Campus?

"I grew up on a dairy farm in a small town near Niagara Falls so coming to Ridgetown Campus was an easy decision for me. I am able to get the most out of my learning experience because the class sizes are small and the teachers know you by name. It's been easy to make friends and see familiar faces on campus. I've loved my experience here at Ridgetown Campus and can't wait for second-year!"

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- Peer Helper Program
- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Fire Warden
- Spring Expo Dairy Showman

Associate Diploma in ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ridgetownc.com/em

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: 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 resources, water/ wastewater treatment, or other municipal, industrial, or agricultural applications. Students complete a variety of applied, practical projects and assignments to develop their industry knowledge.

Program Features

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

SAMPLE CAREERS

- *Agriculture Environmental Advisor*
- *Compliance Officer*
- *Conservation Officer*
- *Environmental Farm Plan Consultant*
- *Environmental Technician*
- *Nutrient Management Advisor*
- *Research Technician*
- *Renewable Energy Technician*
- *Technical Sales Representative*
- *Waste Management Technician*
- *Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator*
- *Water Treatment Plant Operator*



Program Course Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall

Required

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

Semester 2 - Winter

Required

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

Electives (Select 1)

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

Year 2

Semester 3 - Fall

Required

- Business Practices & Compliance
- Ecology
- Introduction to GIS
- Occupational Health & Safety

Electives (Select 2)

- Agricultural & Environmental Stewardship
- Applied Plant Science
- Sewage & Waste Water Treatment
- Water Treatment

Semester 4 - Winter

Required

- Environmental Project
- Human Resource Management

Electives (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.



Tyler Paré

**Kingsville, ON
Environmental Management
Diploma Graduate**

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

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

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program

Associate Diploma in EQUINE CARE AND MANAGEMENT

ridgetownc.com/equine

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: **R204**

This unique program is designed to provide graduates with the technical skills and knowledge to succeed in today's equine industry. In this program, you will learn about equine nutrition, reproduction, health, conditioning, management, and safe handling of performance horses. Education in equine science combined with applied knowledge will broaden your equine business, finance, and management skills.

Program Delivery Locations

Year 1

Delivery Location - Clinton

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

Year 2

Delivery Location - Ridgetown

Semesters 3 and 4 are delivered at Ridgetown Campus in Ridgetown, ON

Program Features

- Combination of in-depth equine theory and applied business courses
- Practical and applied learning through lectures and labs
- Learn from experienced and knowledgeable instructors from various industry and educational backgrounds
- Hands-on learning with horses from various sectors of the equine industry
- Four-week industry work placement at the end of semester 4

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Assistant Horse Trainer
- Equine Communications Co-ordinator
- Equine Events Manager
- Equine Facility Manager / Owner
- Equine Marketing & Sales Representative
- Equine Office Administrator
- Equine Rehabilitation Technician
- Equine Rehabilitation Assistant
- Equine Veterinary Assistant
- Exercise Rider
- Feed or Tack Retail Operator
- International Show Groom
- Show / Breeding / Race Barn Manager



Program Course Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall

Required

- Communications & Software Applications I
- Equine Behaviour & Welfare
- Horse Facility Management & Design
- Horse Health
- Horse Structure & Function
- Practical Horse Care I

Semester 2 - Winter

Required

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

Year 2

Semester 3 - Fall

Required

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

Semester 4 - Winter

Required

- Rider Conditioning
- Equine Business Venture
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- British Equine Study Tour, OR International Equine Industry Practices, OR 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.



Meiko Putman

London, ON
Equine Care & Management Graduate

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

"With all the hands-on learning and practical theory learned in lectures, I knew I would receive an exceptional education in a supportive environment; where staff and students alike know who you are, and you are not just a number. You learn current industry practices and standards, and how to bring your knowledge and skills into the real world to make a difference and impact in the industry in a positive way."

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- Equine Club

Associate Diploma in HORTICULTURE

ridgetownc.com/hort

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: *R205*

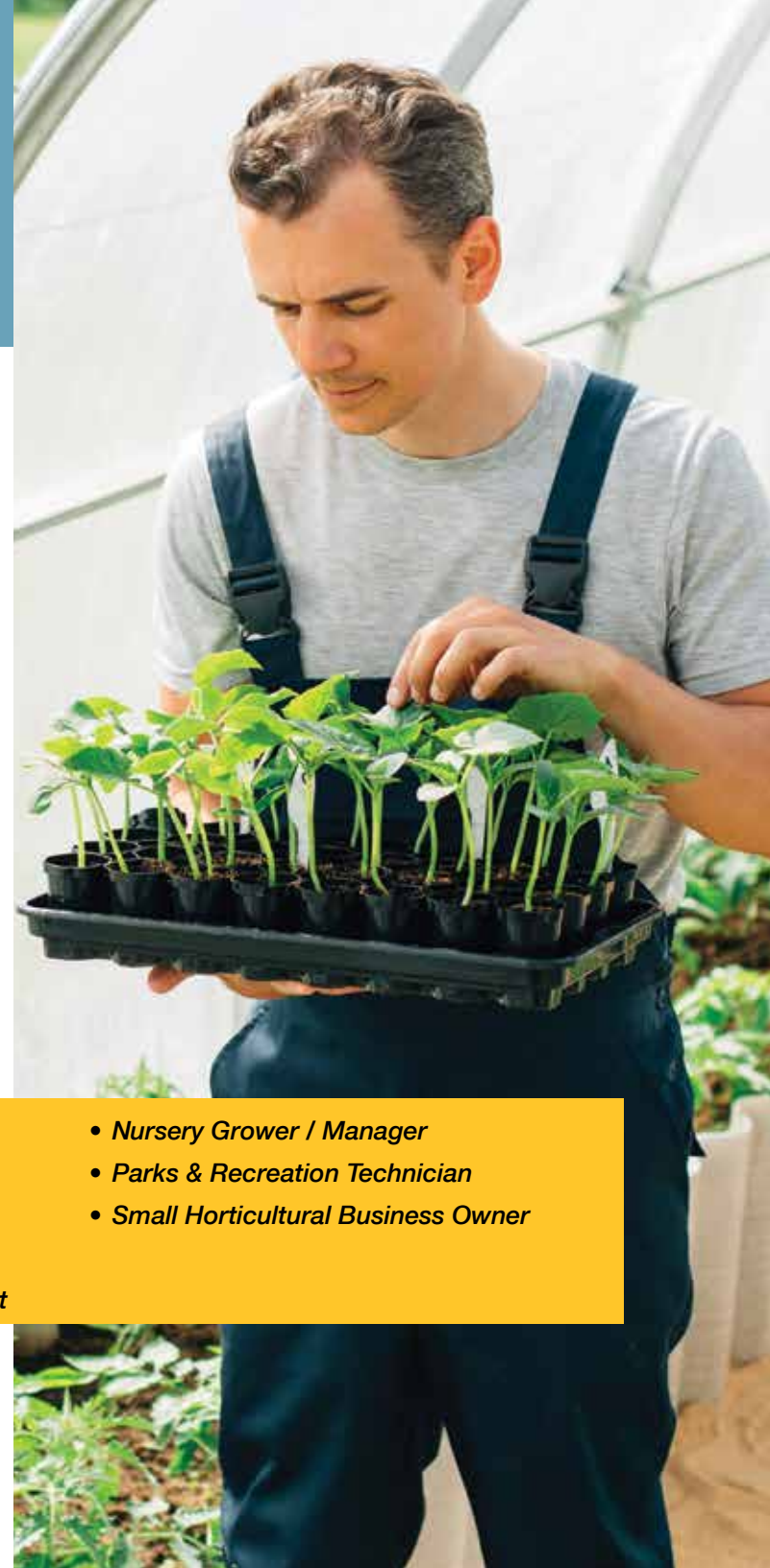
With a rapidly growing greenhouse and landscaping sectors, the Associate Diploma in Horticulture will enable you to gain the knowledge needed to have many different career options within the horticultural sector. This program gives students the opportunity to grow their creativity and develop relevant 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 42)
- 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 Course Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall

Required

- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Plant Science
- Communications & Software Applications I
- Greenhouse Management
- Landscape Management
- Plant Identification I

Semester 2 - Winter

Required

- Communications & Software Applications II
- Introduction to Landscape Construction
- Plant Propagation
- Soil & Water Use in Agroecosystems

Electives (Select 2)

- Arboriculture
- Belize Study Tour
- Greenhouse Control Systems
- Greenhouse Vegetable Production
- Landscape Design

Year 2

Semester 3 - Fall

Required

- Certification & Safety
- Horticultural Weed Science
- Introduction to Business Management
- Plant Identification II

Electives (Select 2)

- Applied Landscape Construction
- Greenhouse Structures & Engineering
- Nursery Management

Semester 4 - Winter

Required

- Business Project OR Farm Project
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Ornamental Plant Protection OR Greenhouse Vegetable Integrated Pest Management

Electives (Select 2)

- Advanced Greenhouse Vegetable Production
- Cannabis Production
- Greenhouse Ornamental Production
- Horticultural Equipment Management
- Marketing
- Organic Production
- Viticulture & Oenology



**Gabrielle
Binkley**

Guelph, ON
Horticulture Diploma Student

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

"I chose to come to Ridgetown Campus because of the staff, small community, and campus. The staff are knowledgeable in their field and work within the industry. They are great at answering questions and talking about ideas students have for their own personal growth and development! The campus is great for hands-on learning for practical landscape education with the wide variety of plant species and trees in the arboretum. It's a great place to grow and learn as a student!"

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Associate Diploma in **VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY**

ridgetownc.com/vtc

Conventional Delivery

2 Years (4 Semesters) | Start: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: **R206**

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

Program Features

- Training related to the care of companion, large, and laboratory animals
- Excellent teaching facilities modeled from a veterinary clinic
- Accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association
- Full colony of cats and dogs on campus, along with birds, and two colony horses. Students have access to labs with dairy/beef cattle, sheep, and swine
- Small working groups with excellent student to instructor ratios
- Program facilities inspected by the Canadian Council on Animal Care
- Graduates go on to 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 Course Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall

Required

- Communications & Veterinary Software
- Companion Animal Management
- Foundation of Veterinary Technology
- Medical Exercises I
- Microbiology, Cytology, & Hematology I
- Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology I

Semester 2 - Winter

Required

- Hematology II
- Livestock Production & Management
- Medical Exercises II
- Pharmacology & Applied Calculations
- Urinalysis
- Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II

Year 2

Semester 3 - Fall

Required

- Animal Nursing I
- Animal Dentistry I
- Parasitology & Clinical Chemistry
- Radiography I
- Surgical & Anaesthetic Principles I
- Laboratory & Exotic Animal Science

Semester 4 - Winter

Required

- 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, 240-hour, placement in the veterinary industry upon successful completion of Semester 4 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.



**Tiffany
Fernihough**

Whitby, ON
Veterinary Technology
Diploma Student

Tiffany, why did you choose Ridgetown Campus for Veterinary Technology?

"I chose Ridgetown because I was looking for a school that provided small class sizes, numerous opportunities for practical learning through experience, and I enjoyed the small-town feel of Ridgetown. Ridgetown Campus has well exceeded all my expectations and I couldn't be happier about my choice!"

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- Notetaker for Student Accessibility Services

Associate Diploma in **VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY**

ridgetownc.com/vta

Next Intake: Fall 2022

Alternative Delivery

**3 Years (9 Semesters) | 3 Fall & 3 Winter distance education semesters
3 on-campus Summer semesters | Start: September 2022**

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: **R306**

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
- Self-learning through distance education courses completed during the fall and winter semesters and on-campus learning for 13 weeks for three consecutive summers
- Program facilities inspected by the Canadian Council on Animal Care
- Excellent teaching facilities modeled from a veterinary clinic
- Small working groups with excellent student to instructor ratios
- Full colony of cats and dogs on campus, along with birds, and two colony horses. Students have access to labs with dairy/beef cattle, sheep, and swine
- Accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association
- Graduates go on to 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 Course Curriculum

Year 1

Semester 1 - Fall (Distance) | **Required**

- Introduction to Veterinary Technology
- Large Animal Production Management I

Semester 2 - Winter (Distance) | **Required**

- Companion Animal Management
- Large Animal Production Management II

Semester 3 - Summer (On-Campus) | **Required**

- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Communications & Veterinary Software
- Medical Exercises I
- Medical Exercises II
- Microbiology, Cytology, & Hematology I
- Pharmacology & Vet. Tech. Math

Year 2

Semester 4 - Fall (Distance) | **Required**

- Introduction to Immunobiology
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques I

Semester 5 - Winter (Distance) | **Required**

- Introduction to Anesthetic Principles
- Introduction to Radiography

Semester 6 - Summer (On-Campus) | **Required**

- Animal Dentistry I
- Clinical Chemistry
- Exercises in Radiography I
- Hematology II
- Surgical Exercises
- Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques II
- Urinalysis

Year 3

Semester 7 - Fall (Distance) | **Required**

- Laboratory & Exotic Animal Science

Semester 8 - Winter (Distance) | **Required**

- Public Health
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques III

Semester 9 - Summer (On-Campus) | **Required**

- Animal Dentistry II
- Radiography II
- Surgical & Anesthetic Principles II
- Veterinary Clinic Management
- Veterinary Nursing Techniques IV
- Veterinary Parasitology
- Veterinary Technology Practical Applications

Industry Work Placement

6 Weeks

All students must satisfactorily complete a six-week, 240-hour, placement in the veterinary industry upon successful completion of Semester 9 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.

Ally Edgar

Chatham, ON
Veterinary Technology
Diploma Graduate

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

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

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Badminton Intramurals

Certificate in PERFORMANCE HORSE HANDLER

ridgetownc.com/phh

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

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

Program Features

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

SAMPLE CAREERS

- Assistant Horse Trainer
- Boarding Stable Employee
- Equine Office Administrator
- Exercise Rider
- Feed or Tack Retail Employee
- Feed Salesperson
- International Show Groom
- Show / Breeding / Race Barn Employee



Program Course Curriculum

Semester 1 - Fall

Required

- 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

Semester 2 - Winter

Required

- 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 I

2 Weeks

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

Industry Work Placement II

4 Weeks

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

Program Delivery Location

Clinton

This program is delivered at the Regional Equine and Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH) in Clinton, ON.



Ariana Reeves

Chatham, ON
Performance Horse Handler Graduate

Ariana, why did you choose Ridgetown Campus?

"This program had two industry work placements that allowed me to explore two very different aspects of the equine community, which ultimately helped me find my dream job in the standardbred harness racing industry. REACH has an amazing facility that allows plenty of practical learning with horses, and provides students with the knowledge and skills to manage a barn smoothly and efficiently. I also enjoyed the small class sizes!"

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program
- Horsemanship Club

Certificate in VETERINARY OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

ridgetownnc.com/cvmoa

1 Year (2 Semesters) | Start: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Code: **R101**

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

Program Features

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

SAMPLE CAREERS

- **Grooming / Pet Boarding Business Entrepreneur**
- **Office Manager**
- **Pet Care Supply Representative**
- **Pet Store Customer Service Representative / Entrepreneur**
- **Veterinary Assistant**
- **Veterinary Clinic Office Administration Assistant**
- **Veterinary Client Service Representative**



Program Curriculum

Semester 1 - Fall

Required

- Anatomy
- Clinical Exercises I
- Nutrition & Animal Care I
- Pharmacology, Math & Accounting
- Veterinary Communications
- Veterinary Technology Terminology

Semester 2 - Winter

Required

- Animal Care II
- Animal Diseases
- Clinical Exercises II
- Clinical Safety
- Human Resources, Marketing & Public Relations
- Veterinary Software & Front Office

Industry Work Placement

4 Weeks

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

Ivy Legisniana

St. Tomas
Batangas, Philippines
Veterinary Office
Administration Graduate

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

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

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

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Student Ambassador Program

DAIRY HERDSPERSON

Apprenticeship

bdc.ridgetownnc.com/dairy

Next Start: Fall 2021

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

Length

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

What is an Apprentice?

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

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 an apprenticeship will increase your knowledge and your opportunities.

To Become a Dairy Herdsperson Apprentice

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

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the Apprenticeship Program or finding a sponsor?

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 to get help finding a sponsor, please contact Katie Hunter at katieh@uoguelph.ca. To find the closest office to you, visit ontario.ca/page/employment-ontarioapprenticeship-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 Labour, Training, and

Skills Development. 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:

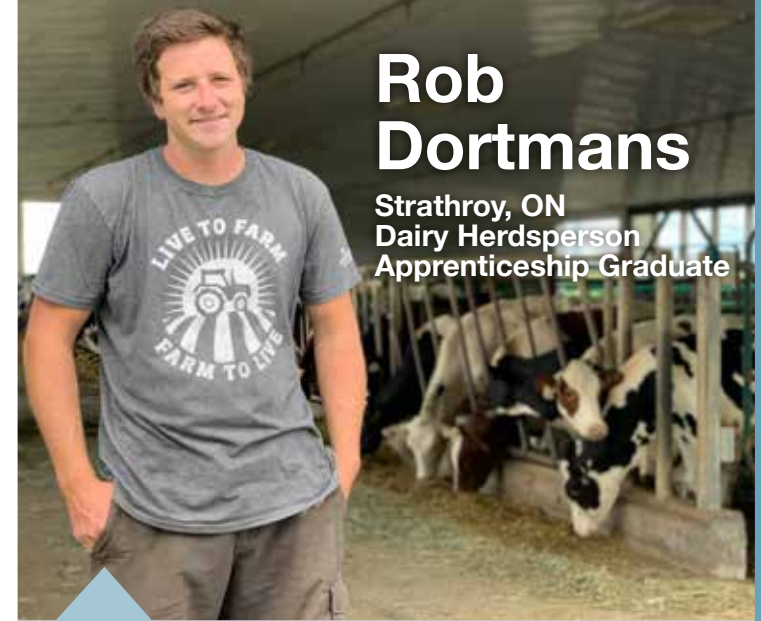
- UNIT 1** Applied Farm Practices
- UNIT 2** Milking Practices
- UNIT 3** Feeding Practices
- UNIT 4** Herd Health Maintenance
- UNIT 5** Routine Herd Maintenance
- UNIT 6** Farm Mechanical and Electrical Systems – Basic Maintenance
- UNIT 7** Farm Mechanical Equipment – Basic Maintenance

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.

Rob Dortmans

Strathroy, ON
Dairy Herdperson
Apprenticeship Graduate



Rob, tell us about your experience at Ridgetown.




"Ridgetown was a great experience for me! The classroom setting is very informative and the hands-on learning is a great way to understand theory in a practical, everyday setting. I enjoyed visiting several different farms and hearing from experts in the industry. I loved having the opportunity to talk with like-minded people that are out in the world doing the work that I would like to do myself."




ON-FARM TRAINING: Dortholme Holsteins

FARM DETAILS: 60 Cow Operation with 1 Lely A4 Robot

LEARN WHILE TRAVELLING

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

	 Equine Programs Kentucky Trip Kentucky, Illinois	 U.S Agricultural Study Tour 3 or 4 States	 World Dairy Expo Trip Madison, Wisconsin	
DATE	Thanksgiving holiday weekend	End of August / Early September	End of September / Early October	
LENGTH	4 days	7 days	4.5 days	
TIMING	Year 1, Semester 1	Between Year 1 and 2	Year 2, Semester 3	
APPROX. COST FOR STUDENTS	\$750 plus personal spending and meals	\$950 plus personal spending and meals	\$700 plus personal spending and meals	
APPROX. GROUP SIZE	25-30 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to 1st year Equine Care and Management and Performance Horse Handler students 	30 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Agriculture students • Must enroll into the 'Introduction to US Agriculture Course' in the winter semester prior to the trip 	24 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Agriculture students 	
CREDITS	NON-CREDIT	FOR CREDIT (0.5 credit)	FOR CREDIT (0.5 credit)	
DESCRIPTION	Equine students who have an interest in learning more about the American equine industry will enjoy this 4-day trip. The trip stops at a variety of locations including the Kentucky Horse Park, KESMARC Equine Rehabilitation Clinic, Keeneland Raceway, top barns, and Thoroughbred Park.	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.	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 Belize, Central America	 British Equine Study Tour England	 European Landscaped Garden Tour Location(s) TBC
	Mid December	Winter Break Week	Mid-to-late April
	7 days	8 days	7 days
	Year 1 or 2, Semester 2 or 4	Year 2, Semester 4	Year 1 or Year 2, Winter Semester
	\$2,750 plus personal spending and meals	\$2,750 includes flights, accommodations, most meals and activities	Varies by destination(s) chosen
	10 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Agriculture and Horticulture students 	14-20 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to 2nd Year Equine Diploma students (first-serve) then open to all Ridgetown Diploma students 	10-15 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Horticulture Diploma students
	FOR CREDIT (0.5 credit)	FOR CREDIT (0.5 credit)	FOR CREDIT (0.5 credit)
	<p>Learn about agricultural and horticultural practices through this 7-day study tour to Belize, located in Central America.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>The British Equine Study Tour will give students an opportunity to learn more about the roots of modern day equestrianism and broaden their understanding of the equine industry. The trip will provide students with opportunities to participate in the management of international riding facilities as well as the chance to gain a better understanding of the breeding and race industries abroad.</p>	<p>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.</p>



Further Your Education

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

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

Earn an Applied Degree

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

Earn an Undergraduate Degree at UofG

Students may be admitted into a University of Guelph degree program provided they meet the specific admission requirements for their program of interest. To be considered for admission, applicants must present a minimum cumulative average of 75% from their college studies. Applicants must also present the high school prerequisites for their program of interest. Admission requirements vary by program. Please visit the University of Guelph Admission Services website (admission.uoguelph.ca/collegetransferstudents), or contact pathways@uoguelph.ca, for more information.

ADMISSIONS, TUITION & FEES

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Applying to Programs

STEP 1:

Review your program(s) of choice, the admission requirements, and the tuition and fees. Consider joining us for a Virtual Fall Open House session or book a one-on-one information session!

STEP 2:

Complete your Ontario Colleges application online at ontariocolleges.ca by February 1, 2021.

- Please note, **February 1, 2021** is the Equal Consideration deadline and the final day to apply to the Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology.

Application Program Codes for your Ontario Colleges application:

- Agriculture Diploma: **R201**
- Environmental Management Diploma: **R202**
- Equine Care and Management Diploma: **R204**
- Horticulture Diploma: **R205**
- Veterinary Technology Diploma (Conventional Delivery): **R206**
- Performance Horse Handler Certificate: **R104**
- Veterinary Office Administration Certificate: **R101**
- Veterinary Technology Diploma (Alternative Delivery): **R306***

STEP 3:

Check your Ontario Colleges application profile for offers of admission after February 1, 2021 (Note: Veterinary Technology program offers will go out early March).

STEP 4:

Join us for a Virtual Spring Open House session or book a one-on-one information session to see if Ridgeway Campus is the right fit for you.

STEP 5:

Accept your offer of admission by **May 1, 2021**.

**Next Intake: September 2022*



IMPORTANT!

**Application Deadline for Equal Consideration:
February 1, 2021**

Questions about your academic requirements? Contact **Barb O'Neill**, Campus Registrar, at 519.674.1500 ext. 63610 or at baoneill@uoguelph.ca

Admission Requirements 2021

DIPLOMA & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS					
					Veterinary Office Administration (Pg. 38)
R201	R202	R204	R205	R104	R101
2 YEARS (4 Semesters)	2 YEARS (4 Semesters)	2 YEARS (4 Semesters)	2 YEARS (4 Semesters)	1 YEAR (2 Semesters)	1 YEAR (2 Semesters)
START: FALL 2021					
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAMS ABOVE					
1. Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or Equivalent 2. A minimum cumulative average of 65% in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 U, C, M, or O level courses (excludes co-op credits)			3. Includes a minimum of Grade 11 C Math and Grade 12 C English 4. Mature Student Status (Do not hold a high school diploma or equivalent, but are 19 years of age or older and out of high school for a minimum of one year; may be required to complete pre-admission testing)		

* Year 1 at Ridgetown Campus, and Year 2 at REACH, in Clinton, ON.

** Delivered at REACH, in Clinton, ON.

Veterinary Technology Diploma Admission Requirements 2021

**Deadline to Apply:
February 1, 2021**

VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

CONVENTIONAL DELIVERY

R206

ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY

R306

2 YEARS (4 Semesters) | **Start: Fall 2021**

3 YEARS (9 Semesters) | **Start: Fall 2022**

CHANGES TO ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Our Admission Requirements Have Recently Changed. What's Changed?

The Health Occupations Aptitude Examination (HOAE) pre-admission testing is no longer one of the admission requirements.

ABOUT YOUR SPECIFIC COURSE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Specific Course Requirements from Current Ontario Secondary School Curriculum

Minimum admission requirements to the Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional or Alternative Delivery) are as follows.

The following courses are required:

- **English:** Grade 11 **AND** Grade 12 C or U English
- **Math:** Grade 11 C or Grade 11 M **AND** 12 C Math, or any Grade 12 U Math
- **Biology:** Grade 11 C or U Biology
- **Chemistry:** Grade 12 C or Grade 11 U Chemistry

Each of 6 courses listed above must have:

- A minimum final grade of 75% at the 'C' level
- A minimum final grade of 65% at the 'U' or 'M' level

**Specific Course Requirements from Prior
Ontario Secondary School Curriculum**

Minimum admission requirements to the Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional or Alternative Delivery) are as follows:

At the Advanced Level

- Applicants must have credits in the following 6 courses: **Chemistry** (Grade 11), **Biology** (Grade 11), **Math** (Grade 11 **AND** 12), **English** (Grade 11 **AND** 12), each with a minimum final grade of 65%.

At the General Level

- Applicants must have credits in the following 6 courses: **Chemistry** (Grade 11), **Biology** (Grade 11), **Math** (Grade 11 **AND** 12), **English** (Grade 11 **AND** 12), each with a minimum final grade of 75%.

**Submission of High School and Prior
Post-Secondary Transcripts**

All applicants must submit their high school transcripts, and, if applicable, any prior post-secondary transcripts, for admission consideration.

IMPORTANT ADMISSION NOTES

1. Oversubscribed Program

The Conventional delivery is oversubscribed.

2. Application Assessment

Your assessment will be 100% based on your academic grades.

3. Applying under Mature Student Status

All applicants to the program must possess their high school diploma or equivalent to be considered for admission into the program. Mature Student Status (19 years of age or older but do not possess high school diploma or equivalent) does not apply.

4. Rabies Immunization on Campus

It is a mandatory requirement that students are vaccinated against rabies and hold a valid titre. It is recommended that students have their booster series completed (and titre checked) before starting the program, but if not possible, an opportunity will be provided the first week of classes.

5. This is a physically demanding program.

SUGGESTED UPGRADING OPTIONS

Acceptable upgrading options for admission consideration are:

- Independent Learning Centre - online Ontario high school curriculum courses at www.ilc.org
- Pre-Health Science or General Arts & Sciences (GAS) college or university prep certificate program courses offered through community colleges
- Certain ACE upgrading courses offered through community colleges
- Adult education or night school upgrading
- **NOTE:** Proof of upgrading-in-progress must be submitted to the Registrar by February 14, 2021, and final grades for the course(s) no later than August 1st, 2021.

Tuition & Fees 2021

ESTIMATED ANNUAL (2 SEMESTER) COSTS

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

PROGRAM	TUITION & FEES (WITH TEXTBOOKS ESTIMATE)	RESIDENCE (DOUBLE ROOM, ONE YEAR)	MEAL PLAN (ONE YEAR)	PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES (ONE YEAR)	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST
DIPLOMAS (2 YEAR PROGRAMS)					
Agriculture Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$3,198.00 Student Organization Fees: \$390.00 Additional Program Fees: \$668.00 Building Fee: \$84.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$4,674.00 Textbooks: \$530.00 \$5,204.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$14,043.00
Environmental Management Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$3,198.00 Student Organization Fees: \$390.00 Additional Program Fees: \$1,012.00 Building Fee: \$84.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$5,018.00 Textbooks: \$390.00 \$5,408.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$14,247.00
Equine Care & Management Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$3,198.00 Student Organization Fees: \$232.00 Additional Program Fees: \$668.00 Building Fee: \$84.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$4,516.00 Textbooks: \$275.00 \$4,791.00	No Student Residence Available Year 1	No Meal Plan Available Year 1	\$3,000.00	Total Amount Varies
Horticulture Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$3,198.00 Student Organization Fees: \$390.00 Additional Program Fees: \$806.00 Building Fee: \$84.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$4,812.00 Textbooks: \$800.00 \$5,612.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$14,451.00

PROGRAM	TUITION & FEES (WITH TEXTBOOKS ESTIMATE)	RESIDENCE (DOUBLE ROOM, ONE YEAR)	MEAL PLAN (ONE YEAR)	PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES (ONE YEAR)	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST
Veterinary Technology Conventional Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$3,306.00 Student Organization Fees: \$390.00 Additional Program Fees: \$1,992.00 Accreditation Fee: \$60.00 Rabies Immunization: \$750.00 Building Fee: \$84.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$6,916.00 Textbooks: \$1,530.00 \$8,446.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$17,285.00
Veterinary Technology Alternative Year 1	Tuition (Three Semesters): \$2,202.00 Student Organization Fees: \$64.00 Additional Program Fees: \$1,329.00 Accreditation Fee: \$40.00 Rabies Immunization: \$750.00 Building Fee: \$42.00 Manuals: \$350.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$5,111.00 Textbooks: \$1,490.00 \$6,601.00	No Student Residence Available Year 1	No Meal Plan Available Year 1	\$3,000.00	Total Amount Varies
CERTIFICATES (1 YEAR PROGRAMS)					
Performance Horse Handler Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$7,452.00 Student Organization Fees: \$25.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$7,811.00 Textbooks & Supplies: \$700.00 \$8,511.00	No Student Residence Available Year 1	No Meal Plan Available Year 1	\$3,000.00	Total Amount Varies
Veterinary Office Administration Year 1	Tuition (Two Semesters): \$7,452.00 Student Organization Fees: \$390.00 Accreditation Fee: \$60.00 Rabies Immunization: \$750.00 Building Fee: \$84.00 Manuals: \$180.00 Student Dental Insurance: \$165.00 Student Health Insurance: \$165.00 Insurance: \$4.00 SUBTOTAL: \$9,250.00 Textbooks: \$300.00 \$9,550.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$18,389.00

International Student Admissions & Fees

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

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

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

Applying to Programs & Supporting Documents Required:

- All program applications go through ontariocolleges.ca, with an application deadline of **March 1, 2021** (Veterinary Technology deadline: February 1, 2021).
- Supporting documentation (Assessed/translated transcripts, English Proficiency scores) must be submitted by **April 1, 2021** (Veterinary Technology deadline: February 14, 2021).
- Official documents should come directly from the issuing institution or accreditation body. Where English translations are needed, please have the verified documents supplied for consideration.
- 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

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

1. Your primary 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)

TEST	COMPETENCE LEVEL
IELTS International English Language Testing System ielts.org	Minimum overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6
TOEFL Test of English as a Foreign Language toefl.org	Internet based: minimum total score of 89 with no individual scaled score 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
CAEL Canadian Academic English Language Assessment cael.ca	Minimum overall band score of 70
MELAB Michigan English Language Assessment Battery isa.umich.edu/eli/testing/melab	Minimum overall score of 85 including composition score of 83 and oral score of 3
PTE Pearson Test of English pearsonpte.com	Minimum overall score of 60 with no score less than 60 in the individual components
ELCP Advanced Level of the English Language Certificate Program eslguelph.ca esl@uoguelph.ca	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



Estimated International Tuition and Fees for one year (Canadian Dollars; \$CAD)

PROGRAM	TUITION & FEES (WITH TEXTBOOKS ESTIMATE)	RESIDENCE (DOUBLE ROOM, ONE YEAR)	MEAL PLAN (ONE YEAR)	PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES (ONE YEAR)	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST (ONE YEAR)
DIPLOMAS (2 YEAR PROGRAMS)					
Agriculture Year 1	\$14,022.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$22,861.00
Environmental Management Year 1	\$14,226.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$23,065.00
Equine Care & Management Year 1	\$13,768.00	No Student Residence Available	No Meal Plan Available	\$3,000.00	Total Amount Varies
Horticulture Year 1	\$14,430.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$23,269.00
Veterinary Technology Conventional Year 1	\$17,960.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$26,799.00
Veterinary Technology Alternative Year 1	\$16,416.00	No Student Residence Available	No Meal Plan Available	\$3,000.00	Total Amount Varies
CERTIFICATES (1 YEAR PROGRAMS)					
Performance Horse Handler Year 1	\$24,009.00	No Student Residence Available	No Meal Plan Available	\$3,000.00	Total Amount Varies
Veterinary Office Administration Year 1	\$25,048.00	\$2,649.00	\$3,190.00	\$3,000.00	\$33,887.00

CONNECT WITH US!

519.674.1500

(Ridgetown Campus)


519.482.3998

(REACH Huron)

ridgetownc.com

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   @RidgetownCampus

 University of Guelph,
Ridgetown Campus

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

RIDGETOWN CAMPUS (Ridgetown, ON)

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TBA

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SERVICES****Nurse Practitioner****Chatham-Kent Community Health Centre**

Book an appointment at
www.ckchc.ca
519.397.5455 – select 1 for Chatham

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Future Students: Options to Connect with Us

We appreciate that things are different this year, so we're offering a few ways for you to get to know us and the campus better. We're excited to meet future students, and we encourage you to explore your program(s) of interest through the following options:



#1

RC CONNECT INFO SESSIONS

One-on-one *Microsoft Teams Meeting* with Recruitment

More details on page 57



#2

FALL 2020 OPEN HOUSES

Group *Microsoft Teams Meeting* with Recruitment

More details on page 58



#3

SPRING 2021 OPEN HOUSES

Group *Microsoft Teams Meeting* with Recruitment

More details on page 59



#4

CONTACT STUDENT RECRUITMENT DIRECTLY

519.358.9542 or
More details on page 54

Short Virtual Campus Tours



SPECIAL NOTE: We regret that due to COVID-19, we cannot host you on campus at this time. If this situation changes, we will let you know via social media.

ridgetownc.com/future/openhouse_virtual-tour.cfm

We'll mail you a 2021 Viewbook!

Submit your request online at:
ridgetownc.com/vb



RC Connect Info Sessions: Live Meetings

Meet with Student Recruitment through a short 45-minute virtual information session.



4 THINGS ABOUT YOUR RC CONNECT INFO SESSION:

#1

WHAT?

Virtually connect one-on-one with Ridgetown Campus Student Recruitment

WHY?

Learn about your academic program(s) of interest and have your questions answered in a 45-minute session

WHO?

For Individual Future Students, Small Group (Family), Guidance, and/or Teachers

WHEN?

Pick a date and time slot that fits your schedule.

Sessions are offered Tuesday to Thursday at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, or 1 PM

Book Your Session!



FALL 2020
October & December

*Sessions offered Tuesday,
Wednesday or Thursday*



WINTER 2021
January & February

*Sessions offered Tuesday,
Wednesday or Thursday*



SPRING 2021
April, May & June

*Sessions offered Tuesday,
Wednesday or Thursday*

Please pre-register prior to the session at ridgetownc.com/connect

A confirmation email will be sent to you upon registration, which will include your session date, time, and Microsoft Teams link for the virtual event.

Fall 2020 Open Houses - Live Events

Enjoy a 1-hour Microsoft Teams Virtual Open House for future students and parents/guardians with Ridgetown Campus staff to learn more about your academic program(s) of interest and the Ridgetown Campus experience.



#2

These events will offer an opportunity to meet program staff, answer your individual questions, and enjoy a campus overview.

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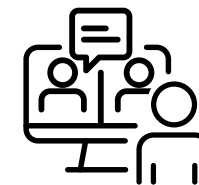
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Pre-Register Now!

PROGRAM SESSION OPTIONS	1	Agriculture Diploma	Tues., Nov. 3	10 - 11 AM
	2	Agriculture Diploma	Wed., Nov. 4	12 - 1 PM
	3	Agriculture Diploma	Thurs., Nov. 5	2 - 3 PM
	4	Agriculture Diploma	Tues., Nov. 10	10 - 11 AM
	5	Equine Care and Management Diploma / Performance Horse Handler Certificate	Wed., Nov. 11	10 - 11 AM
	6	Equine Care and Management Diploma / Performance Horse Handler Certificate	Thurs., Nov. 12	12 - 1 PM
	7	Veterinary Technology Diploma / Veterinary Office Administration Certificate	Tues., Nov. 17	10 - 11 AM
	8	Veterinary Technology Diploma / Veterinary Office Administration Certificate	Wed., Nov. 18	12 - 1 PM
	9	Horticulture Diploma	Thurs., Nov. 19	10 - 11 AM
	10	Environmental Management Diploma	Tues., Nov. 24	10 - 11 AM
	11	Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship	Wed., Nov. 25	12 - 1 PM

Spring 2021 Open Houses - Live Events

Enjoy a 1-hour Microsoft Teams Virtual Open House for future students and parents/guardians with Ridgetown Campus staff to learn more about your academic program(s) of interest and the Ridgetown Campus experience.



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Pre-Registration Opens February 1

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	2	Horticulture Diploma	Wed., Mar. 10	12 - 1 PM
	3	Veterinary Technology Diploma / Veterinary Office Administration Certificate	Thurs., Mar. 11	2 - 3 PM
	4	Veterinary Technology Diploma / Veterinary Office Administration Certificate	Tues., Mar. 16	10 - 11 AM
	5	Agriculture Diploma	Wed., Mar. 17	10 - 11 AM
	6	Agriculture Diploma	Thurs., Mar. 18	2 - 3 PM
	7	Equine Care and Management Diploma / Performance Horse Handler Certificate	Tues., Mar. 23	10 - 11 AM
	8	Equine Care and Management Diploma / Performance Horse Handler Certificate	Wed., Mar. 24	12 - 1 PM
	9	Agriculture Diploma	Thurs., Mar. 25	10 - 11 AM
	10	Agriculture Diploma	Tues., Mar. 30	12 - 1 PM
	11	Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship	Wed., Mar. 31	12 - 1 PM

RIDGETOWN CAMPUS MAP

Campus Locations



- Teaching Facility
- Residence
- Custom Facilities
- Research Facilities
- Business Development Centre
- Other
- P Parking



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