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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.

Your education at our Ridgetown Campus will give you the tools you’ll need to continue learning and adapting to an ever-changing world.

We are committed to turning knowledge into action. You will gain both a profound understanding of your field and inspiration for applying 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 and quality learning. You will work and learn with outstanding faculty and staff from both our Ridgetown and Guelph campuses 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 achieve excellence as you pursue your educational goals.

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

Director’s Welcome

At the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, we are steadfast in our goal to improve life. Through our research, academic, and continuing education opportunities, 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 to incoming and current students. 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 to offer a wide range of applied research and academic programs addressing food, agriculture, rural communities, and the environment. Our instructors bring real-world experience and expertise to the classroom, providing students with an unmatched basis for successful program completion followed by industry careers or further 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 consider joining our student body in the fall of 2018.

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

The University of Guelph is continually ranked among Canada’s top comprehensive universities, providing a wide variety of academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as numerous diploma, certificate and continuing education opportunities.

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 family.

Academic environment
Ridgetown Campus students are taught by instructors who are leaders in their fields. 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.

OAC
Ridgetown Campus has been part of the Ontario Agricultural College (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.

Location
Ridgetown Campus is located in southwestern Ontario between London and Windsor. The campus also delivers equine industry programming at the REACH Huron facility in Clinton, Ontario. You will get to see the bounty of local agriculture and small-town living at both locations.

Want to learn more about us?
Come to an open house event or book a campus tour!
We encourage you to come visit our campus to see what we have to offer. Register for one of our open house events online or, give our on-campus recruiter, Alison, a call at 519-674-1500 ext.63256 or email at rcampus@uoguelph.ca to book a personal campus tour.
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

Total Enrollment:
650
full-time students

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

Teaching Staff:
Approx. 45-50 including faculty, lecturers, and instructors

Colours:
Red, Gold and Black

Overall Ridgetown Experience:
90% of 2016 graduates gave their Ridgetown experience an 8/10 or higher
(Source: 2016 Ridgetown Campus Graduation Survey)

Overall Employment Rate:
91% of 2016 graduates were employed by graduation
(Source: 2016 Ridgetown Campus Graduation Survey)

Campus Size:
450 acres
of research and campus grounds

2016 Program Enrollment (September)

- Veterinary Technology (Alternative) Diploma: 11%
- Veterinary Technology (Conventional) Diploma: 13%
- Agriculture Diploma: 54%
- Environmental Management Diploma: 6%
- Horticulture Diploma: 5%
- Performance Horse Handler Certificate: 6%
- Veterinary Office Administration Certificate: 5%
Learning at Ridgetown

Award-winning Faculty and Teaching Staff
Ridgetown faculty are recognized across the province and nation for their research expertise and industry extension efforts. You will have the opportunity to learn from these accomplished scientists who have responsibilities in research, teaching, and industry extension.

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. Our small class sizes allow instructors the opportunity to learn your name and get to know you.

Industry Work Placements
Many 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.

Relevant Applied Research
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.

Industry Networking
You will get the chance to meet industry leaders at trade shows, class trips, as guest lecturers, and at our annual career fair.

Scholarships and Awards
We celebrate and reward academic excellence and student leadership in the fall and winter semesters, as well as at our graduation ceremony. Please see ridetownc.uoguelph.ca/awards for more information on our scholarship and awards opportunities.

Graduate Program Opportunities
Many Ridgetown scientists supervise master’s and Ph.D. students. Diploma students can benefit from their applied experience and knowledge.

University of Guelph Rankings

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<th>1st in Canada for agricultural science</th>
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<th>2nd in Canada for Plant &amp; Animal Science</th>
<th>#1 in Canada for overall learning, living, and student support</th>
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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 to your new campus environment.

Explore Your Campus
Whether you decide to visit during an open house or schedule a personal tour, a campus visit is a great way to see where you will be studying in September. 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 the campus.

Rebecca Haan
St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School
Marysville, ON
Graduate (2017) Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
• Spring Expo Committee

INTRAMURAL SPORTS
• Ball Hockey

FUTURE PLANS
• Livestock feed sales and swine and beef production on my family farm

How was your transition to Ridgetown Campus?
“I was hoping to make new friends and enjoy the small town atmosphere; and I did! I found it was a really easy transition for me because when I arrived I quickly found I was surrounded by students who had the same interests as me and we had lots to talk about. I enjoyed my studies and worked on a local swine farm part-time while studying at Ridgetown.”
Supporting Your Learning Experience

From the moment you arrive at Ridgetown, you’ll find 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 yours. 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 in supporting your experience at Ridgetown Campus. Contact information for student accessibility services can be found on page 56.

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**Hillary Gbinije**
St. Thomas More
Nigeria
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

**CLUBS/LEADERSHIP**
- Peer Helper Program
- Student Ambassador Program
- Chaplaincy Program
- Assistant Yearbook Editor

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**
- Badminton

**CAMPUS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Outstanding College Citizen, Leonard R. Giffin Memorial Award

**FUTURE PLANS**
- Bachelor of Commerce, Food and Agriculture, Guelph Campus

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**Where do you go to get a little extra help or have an academic concept clarified?**

“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.”
A Supportive Campus Community for Everyone

At Ridgetown, 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
- Scholarships/Bursaries/Awards
- Student Accessibility
- Student Accounts
- Student Health & Dental Benefits

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

Students’ Council
Students are elected each year to be representatives and the collective voice of the student body. Students’ Council is also involved in planning student events on campus for the entire student body, many of which give back to local charities and organizations.

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

Student Counselling
Students can 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, every Tuesday to discuss any medical concerns or conditions. To book an appointment, visit ckchc.ca. There is also a public health nurse that holds office hours in downtown Ridgetown every Thursday afternoon.

Local Area Hospitals
The closest emergency services department is located 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 in the town of Clinton.

Student Health and Dental Benefits
Students are required to purchase health and dental benefits. However, if 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 sports 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 to stay fit and active.

Green Spaces for Walking, Running, or Biking
It’s easy to stay active outside and explore the campus and the community.
LIVING ON CAMPUS

It’s easy to stay connected when you live on campus. Steckley Hall Residence gives you the opportunity to meet many students 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.

Campus Residence: Steckley Hall

Steckley Hall is a co-ed facility with space for approximately 190 students in double rooms (single rooms are available at an increased cost).

Students wishing to live in residence can apply for a room in Steckley Hall after they accept their offer of admission from us. Rooms are assigned on a first come, first serve basis up to 190 student spaces.

**Please apply by the residence deadline:** May 25, 2018.

Residence applications can be found on the campus website at [ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/residence](http://ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/residence)

Residence provides a positive experience in dormitory style living where students learn independence and interpersonal skills.

**Services available in residence include:** high-speed wireless internet, fitness centre, kitchenette, coin-operated laundry machines, vending machines, and student lounges.

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<td>Non-smoking facility with an assigned outdoor smoking area</td>
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<td>Controlled entrance after 11:00 pm daily</td>
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<td>A quiet wing is available for students looking for maximum study time</td>
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Dining on Campus

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

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

- Many different entrée choices for each meal
- Provides many healthy choices
- All-you-can-eat meal plan

Cafeteria Hours of Service

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<td>Hot Breakfast</td>
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<td>Continental Breakfast</td>
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<td>Lunch</td>
<td>11:30 am – 1:00 pm</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
<td>5:00 pm – 6:30 pm</td>
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For special dietary needs, please speak with our campus chef to ensure your dietary needs are met.

Residence Fees (based on 2017-2018 rates)

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<td>Single Occupancy (one student per room)</td>
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Parking is available on campus for $30 to $120 per year, depending on parking lot location.

Beyond the Cafeteria

Light lunches and snacks are available at the Roaster’s Café, located in the Agronomy Building Student Lounge, open Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 2:30 pm (not part of the meal plan).

Meal Plan (based on 2017-2018 rates)

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Living in Ridgetown

Online Student Housing Listing (Ridgetown and Area)
If you prefer to live off-campus, you will find 100-150 private housing options in Ridgetown and the surrounding area on our website at: ridgetown.uoguelph.ca/housing

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 meals provided)

Communities to consider for accommodation:
- Morpeth (7 km)
- Blenheim (16 km)
- Thamesville (17 km)
- Highgate (18 km)
- Kent Bridge (22 km)

Larger cities close to Ridgetown:
- Chatham (34 km)
- London (100 km)
- Windsor (110 km)

The Town of Ridgetown
With a population of approximately 3,500, the town of Ridgetown 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, and local shopping opportunities.

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

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

The more adventurous can take in the scenery of the surrounding communities, including Rondeau Provincial Park, located 15 minutes from Ridgetown.
Living in Clinton

Online student housing listing (for Clinton and area)
Students enrolled in the Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management or the Performance Horse Handler Certificate will need to find student housing as there is no student residence at the REACH Huron equine facility. 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)

Communities to consider for accommodation:
• Seaforth (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)

The Town of Clinton
Located in the Municipality of Central Huron, Clinton has a population of approximately 4,000 residents. This quiet, friendly community features a variety of banks, pharmacies, restaurants and 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 Hwy 8
• 45 minutes north of London, ON

Fun and Recreation
There are a wide variety of options in Clinton for active living, many within walking distance of the REACH Huron facility:
• YMCA
• Squash courts
• Hockey arena with indoor walking track
• Hullet Provincial Park
• Downtown shops

Want to study where you can see horse paddocks and teaching horses every day?
“If you enjoy rural, small town living or want to experience it for the first time, consider living in Clinton, ON. The REACH Huron facility is a great place to study and I found the community very friendly and welcoming. Check out Clinton, ON and the surrounding towns for your student living experience.”

Christine Annett
Lambton Central Collegiate & Vocational School
Petrolia, ON
Graduate (2017), Performance Horse Handler Certificate

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
• Social Committee

FUTURE PLANS
• To pursue an equine job in the horse racing industry.
GETTING INVOLVED

Looking to get involved in activities that build your leadership skills, interpersonal skills, keep you active, and expand your network of friends and professionals? Check out some of the opportunities available on-campus that will give you the chance to enhance 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 open house by joining the executive or sub-committees who have various roles around livestock, equipment, the pet show and more!

Westag Alumni Industry Connects Program
Join us for the opportunity to network with alumni working in leading industry roles and build your job readiness skills. Gain insight into your future career path and enhance your professionalism.

Students’ Council
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 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 Student Open House
Get involved in this student-led campus open house highlighting livestock shows and a student formal dinner and dance. You can assist in planning this fun weekend or participate in the various events!

Join a Campus Club
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 great fun and open to everyone at any skill level! This is a great way to make new friends and get involved in some extra-curricular activities. Some of the options include:

Fall Intramurals
• Basketball
• Volleyball
• Indoor Soccer
• Floor Hockey

Winter Intramurals
• Broomball
• Hockey
• Curling
• Bowling
• Skating

OAC Winter Games
Join in this friendly competition with main campus OAC athletes in a variety of sports
Enjoy Rural Living

It all adds up to a big open space to study in and a great opportunity to enjoy rural Ontario.

Why Rural Ontario?

- Open, unobstructed views
- Peaceful and quiet surroundings
- Laid back, friendly atmosphere
- Opportunity to enjoy nature
- Experience rural lifestyles
- Plenty of parking and light traffic

Enjoy Healthy Foods and Farm Markets

Located throughout the region

Study in the Heartland of Ontario Agriculture

See some of the most progressive and diverse food production in Canada

Enjoy Open Spaces at Local Parks and Conservation Areas

Just 15 minutes off the shores of Lake Erie

Explore the On-Campus Arboretum and Gardens

With over 700 different species of trees, shrubs, and flower species, there is a lot to see across campus!
Transfer Students

Post-Secondary Transfer Applicants
Finding the right campus and the right academic program is important. You may have spent some time at another post-secondary institution and discovered it wasn’t quite the right place for you. University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus welcomes applications from students who have completed courses at other post-secondary institutions.

To be considered for admission your official secondary and post-secondary documents must be submitted to ontariocolleges.ca. Application deadline for fall 2018 to all programs except Veterinary Technology (deadline of February 1, 2018) is July 1, 2018. Prior post-secondary transfer credits may be applied to your Ridgetown Campus program requirements.

Ethan Dieleman
Ursuline College Chatham
Thamesville, ON
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
• Chaplaincy Program
• Westag Alumni Mentorship Program
• Spring Expo Committee

FUTURE PLANS
• Full-time employment with an agribusiness

Are you at the campus that feels right for you?
“I transferred to Ridgetown Campus after living and studying in a very large city. My transfer to Ridgetown was right for me. I brought experiences with me that enhanced my new learning environment, and when I transferred I had a better idea of what I was looking for in my education and my future career. I liked having research scientists bring their research knowledge to my classroom.”
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 call 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 ontarioccolleges.ca. Please contact our Campus Registrar if you have any questions about how to apply to our programs.

Are you considering making a life-change and going back to school?
“I returned to school and found it rewarding and challenging after being out of academics for many years; but more importantly, it exceeded my expectations at the academic level, and I can’t believe how much I learned in my first year.”

Nuzhat Jillani
Comprehensive Girls High School
Karachi, Pakistan
Senior, Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
• Soils and Crops Club
• Offered on campus yoga classes

FUTURE PLANS
• Further education at the degree level
Enhancing Your Degree

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

Why consider further studies?
• It's just 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
• 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.

What were the benefits of studying in a smaller learning environment?

“One of the things I enjoyed most about my Ridgetown experience was the chance to build relationships with both my professors and instructors as well as all my classmates. This networking opportunity was a great experience for me. I think completing an applied and practical diploma after my undergrad was one of the best decisions I’ve made.”

Brent McVicar
Ursuline College Chatham
Ridgetown, ON
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
• Peer Helper Program

INTRAMURAL SPORTS
• OAC Winter Games
• Ball Hockey
• Hockey

CAMPAUS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
• Most Dedicated Player, Intramurals
• Academic Proficiency Runner-up, Environmental Management Diploma

FUTURE PLANS
• Employment as a wastewater operator
After You Graduate

A Big Alumni Family
As a Ridgetown graduate you’ll be joining the proud Westag alumni family of just over 7,000 graduates as well as the much larger University of Guelph alumni network.

Networking with Alumni
During your time at Ridgetown you’ll have the chance to meet many campus alumni working in your chosen industry, and giving back to the campus. This is a great networking opportunity for you to meet new people and learn about current trends in the industry.

Ridgetown Campus as Your Second Home
We hope you will develop a fondness for Ridgetown Campus and consider it your second home. As a Ridgetown alumnus the doors will always be open for a return visit after you graduate and we hope you will consider getting involved with the campus.

Giving Back to Campus
After you graduate we hope you’ll consider giving back to Ridgetown in your special way. Possibly by:
• Becoming a Westag mentor
• Hosting a class tour
• Giving a guest lecture
• Sitting on a campus committee or academic advisory board
• Attending the career fair
• Hiring a graduate

Ben Arnold
Westag Alumnus
Class of 1999, Agriculture Diploma Graduate

BEN’S AGRIBUSINESS CAREER
• Sr. Sales Manager, Agribusiness, Ingredion
• Manager, Grain Operations, Hiram Walker and Sons
• Grain Merchandiser, Archer Daniels Midland

BEN’S ALUMNI GIVING
• Program Advisor, Westag Alumni Mentorship Program
• Board Member, Ridgetown Campus Agri-Food Foundation
• Graduation Guest Speaker

“I have really special memories of my Ridgetown experience. When I was a student at Ridgetown, one of my teachers helped me make the connection to my first job and I’ve never forgotten that! Ridgetown Campus helped me get started in the work world and that’s why I give back to the campus whenever I can. I sincerely hope I might have the opportunity to meet you during your time at Ridgetown, and perhaps help make a difference in your Ridgetown experience!”
Detailed program descriptions and related career opportunities can be found on pages 24 to 41.

**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)
  (Next intake of students, Fall 2019)

**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.

- Dairy Herdsperson
Associate Diploma in Agriculture

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/agr

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Program 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.

**Features**
- Learn from experienced instructors with exceptional links to Ontario’s agricultural community
- Applied farm production and agribusiness curriculum focus
- Instructors share agriculture research issues and solutions in class
- Optional experiential learning credits are offered through international study opportunities

**Benefits**
- Excellent job placement rates and starting salaries
- Start making connections with agriculture industry professionals during your studies
- The Grower Pesticide Safety Course exam is completed within the Applied Weed Science course
- Gateway to additional post-secondary opportunities including undergraduate degree programs, applied degree programs, post-diploma certificates, and industry accreditation

**Sample Careers**
- Agricultural Finance Manager
- Artificial Insemination Sales Representative
- Commodity Marketer/Trader
- Crop Input Representative
- Custom Applicator
- Feed Sales Manager
- Fieldman/Grower Liaison
- GPS/Precision Agriculture Technician
- Large Herd Manager
- Livestock Farm Manager
- Pest Management Scout
- Primary Producer
- Production Manager
- Research Technician
- Seed Marketing Specialist
- Soil & Crop Consultant

See Page 42 for Program Curriculum
Have you explored all the career possibilities in our global agri-food system?

“I learned a lot about agriculture at Ridgetown from excellent agriculture researchers and instructors. I was surprised to learn how many job opportunities there are working on, or, off the farm. I’m planning to build my confidence, knowledge, and skills working off our farm for a few years after I graduate; then return to the home dairy farm. Job possibilities in agriculture careers are excellent.”
Caroline Streib
Parkside Collegiate Institute
St. Thomas, ON
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Spring Expo Co-Chair
• Student Judicial Committee
• Student Ambassador Program
• Student Council – Publicity Convener
• Westag Alumni Mentorship Program

CAMPUS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
• Best All Round Student
• OAC 125th Anniversary Scholarship

FUTURE PLANS
• Further my formal education and work in water treatment management

What was the best part about the environmental program at Ridgetown Campus?

“I really enjoyed my learning experience and was able to gain valuable practical skills during my studies. I built valued relationships with my instructors and classmates, and I also found my passion for a career in water treatment. I got very involved in campus student life and I would rate my overall Ridgetown experience a 10/10!”
Are you interested in environmental issues and solutions? Choose the Associate Diploma in Environmental Management to build the technical and practical skills needed for a career in conservation and natural resource management, municipal, industrial or agricultural applications. Students complete a variety of applied, practical projects and assignments to develop their industry knowledge.

Features
- Our broad range of courses allow you to focus on your field of interest, including: municipal and industrial, conservation and natural resources, or agricultural and rural studies
- Four-week industry work placement at the end of the fourth semester
- On-campus anaerobic digester demonstration and research facilities
- Students taking the Sewage and Waste Water course experience the lab components of the course at the wastewater treatment facility in Ridgetown

Benefits
- Gain a strong understanding of environmental protection and management
- 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)
- Students can participate in an optional one-week course and exam upon completion of academic program requirements to obtain the Entry-Level Course for Drinking Water Operators
- Complete a second Associate Diploma (in Agriculture) with just one additional year of study

Sample Careers
- Agriculture Environment Advisor
- Compliance Officer
- Environmental Farm Plan Consultant
- Environmental Technician
- Industrial Occupational Health & Safety Officer
- Nutrient Management Advisor
- Research Technician
- Renewable Energy Plant Operator
- Technical Sales Representative
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator
- Water Treatment Plant Operator

See Page 42 for Program Curriculum
Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/equine

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: September

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

This unique program is perfect 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 extensive equine theory combined with applied knowledge and broaden your equine business, finance, and management skills.

**Features**
- Combination of in-depth equine theory and applied business courses
- Practical training with horses from various areas of the equine industry
- Small class size results in an excellent student-teacher ratio
- Includes a four-week industry work placement at the end of semester four

**Benefits**
- Learn key equine-related and business skills needed to succeed in a career in the equine or agribusiness industry
- Learn from experienced and knowledgeable instructors

**Program Delivery Location**

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

**Year 2 delivery location**
Semesters 3 and 4 are delivered at Ridgetown Campus in Ridgetown, ON.

**Sample Careers**
- Equine Events Manager
- Equine Facility Manager/Owner
- Equine Marketing & Sales Representatives
- Exercise Rider
- Feed or Tack Retail Operator
- Horse Breeder
- Horse Trainer
- Professional Groom
- Race Track Manager
- Stable Hand
- Stable or Barn Manager

**Academic Program Tour at REACH Huron**
Tours of the REACH Huron facilities can be arranged by appointment. Contact our Equine Programs Student Services Co-ordinator Samantha Tapper at 519-482-3998 ext. 1497 or by email at tappers@uoguelph.ca

See Page 43 for Program Curriculum
REACH Huron
This modern, $8 million instructional facility includes a 108’ by 211’ brightly-lit arena and spacious barn with wash stalls and heated tack room.
Facilities include: Indoor arena, teaching barn for program horses, computer lab, classrooms, and an outdoor arena.

Boarding your horse
There is limited space for you to board your own horse at REACH Huron. 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.
Associate Diploma in Horticulture

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/hort

2 years (4 semesters) | Start/Intake: September

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

The nursery, landscaping, greenhouse, and floriculture sectors are growing at a rapid pace. Our Associate Diploma in Horticulture will give you the skills you need to have a great future that offers many career options for individuals who like to be creative and work with their hands and minds.

Features

• The J.J. Neilson Arboretum, part of Ridgetown Campus, provides a unique, outdoor classroom with more than 700 tree, shrub and flower species
• Practical, hands-on training in our campus arboretum and greenhouse facilities
• Design-build processes experienced by working on campus landscaping features
• Optional experiential learning credit is offered through international study opportunity
• Includes a four-week industry work placement at the end of semester four

Benefits

• Diverse job placement opportunities
• Summer employment positions on campus are available to continue your learning experience in the summer months
• Gain the knowledge and preparation to write the Ministry of the Environment Exterminator License exam
• Complete a second Associate Diploma (in Agriculture) with just one additional year of study
• Gateway to additional post-secondary opportunities including undergraduate degree programs, applied degree programs, post-diploma certifications and industry accreditation

Sample Careers

• Horticulture Industry Entrepreneur
• Garden Centre Manager
• Garden Equipment & Supply Dealer
• Greenhouse Grower
• Horticultural Technician
• Landscape Designer
• Landscape Equipment Operator
• Landscaping Contractor
• Lawn Care Manager
• Nursery Manager
• Parks & Recreation Technician

See Page 43 for Program Curriculum
What’s it like to study applied horticultural science in a small class environment?

“In a class of 25-30 students I’ve had a great learning opportunity. I really liked the Plant Identification course and the instructor’s knowledge was amazing! I’m enjoying the combination of classroom lectures and hands-on lab learning.”
Why was Ridgetown Campus the right fit for you?

“I found the ideal fit for me; I really like the courses, the instructors and I just love being able to walk the dogs at lunchtime or after classes. It’s a challenging, full-time academic load, and it’s a fabulous learning opportunity in a small class setting.”

Erica Hurrell
Sir Winston Churchill High School
Thunder Bay, ON
Senior, Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program

FUTURE PLANS
• Employment as a large animal veterinary technician
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. Our program is accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Our graduates consistently achieve top scores on the Veterinary Technician National Exam to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT).

**Features**
- Training related to the care of large, laboratory, and companion animals
- Comprehensive range of courses
- Excellent teaching facilities
- Small working groups
- High-caliber, experienced instructors
- Four-week industry work placement at the end of semester four
- Program facilities and procedures inspected by the Canadian Council on Animal Care

**Benefits**
- Gain the skills needed to work in a small, mixed, or large animal practice
- Gateway to additional post-secondary opportunities, including undergraduate degree programs, post-diploma certifications, and professional accreditation
- Become eligible to write the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) to become a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)

**Sample Careers**
- Artificial Insemination Technician
- Equine Facilities Supervisor
- Farm Operations Manager
- 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)

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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
Next Start/Intake: September 2019

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Program 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.

Our program is accredited by the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Our graduates consistently achieve top scores on the Veterinary Technician National Exam, to become Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT).

Features
• Training related to the care of large, laboratory, and companion 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
• High-caliber, experienced instructors
• Four-week industry work placement at the end of final summer semester
• Program facilities and procedures inspected by the Canadian Council on Animal Care

Benefits
• Learn independently
• Continue to work during the fall and winter months
• Spend less time away from home
• Gateway to additional post-secondary opportunities including undergraduate degree programs, post-diploma certifications and professional accreditation
• Become eligible to write the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) to become a Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)

Sample Careers
• Artificial Insemination Technician
• Equine Facilities Supervisor
• Farm Operations Manager
• Government Inspectors
• 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)

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Karen Ho
Milliken Mills High School
Toronto, ON
Senior (Summer 2017) Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Alternative Delivery) – 3rd Summer Semester

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Veterinary Technology Alternative Program – Class Representative for 3 Years

FUTURE PLANS
• Industry Work Placement – University Health Network (Toronto)
• Animal Research Lab – Health Sciences

Have you considered enhancing your animal health skills in an applied and practical program while still working part of the year?

“If you have, I recommend this program. It was just great for me; I continued to work while I studied and I really enjoyed both the academic challenge and the relationships I built with staff and classmates. This was an excellent choice to enhance my undergraduate degree in life sciences.”
Performance Horse Handler Certificate

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/phh

1 year (2 semesters) | Start/Intake: September

Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca | Application Program Code: R104

Do you have a love for horses? Are you interested in the performance horse industry? Do you want to work with competition horses? 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 carry out duties such as feeding, grooming, and caring for performance horses in a teaching barn as well as in the field.

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

Benefits
- Learn key skills to help you succeed in a career in the equine industry
- Work with horses throughout your training program
- Two industry work placements will give students comprehensive work experience before graduating
- Begin working in an industry you enjoy after just one year of study
- Diversified job placement opportunities

Sample Careers
- Animal Care Provider
- Boarding Stable Employee
- Competition Groom
- Equine Barn Technician
- Equine Event Management
- Equine Sales Representative
- Equine Secretary or Records Supervisor
- Farm, Stable, or Facility Manager
- Race Track Manager or Employee
- Tack Store Associate or Owner

See Page 45 for Program Curriculum
Noelle Hasselbring  
Digby Regional High School  
Little River, NS  
Graduate (2017), Performance Horse Handler Certificate

**FUTURE PLANS**
- To further my post-secondary education

Are you looking for a practical equine program that combines classroom learning with stable and arena labs with horses?

“I found that I learned more than I expected about horses and I met knowledgeable equine professionals in the classroom and in the industry. In addition, I gained good hands-on equine experience from my two distinctly different industry work placements.”

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**Delivery Location**

**REACH Huron, Clinton, ON**

Students in the Performance Horse Handler Certificate program will study in Clinton, Ontario at the Regional Equine & Agricultural Centre of Huron (REACH Huron). REACH Huron is an $8 million equine and agricultural training centre located in Huron County. This modern instructional facility includes a 108’ by 211’ brightly-lit arena and spacious barn with wash stalls and heated tack room. Facilities include an indoor arena, teaching barn for program horses, computer lab, classrooms, and an outdoor arena.

**Boarding your horse**

There is limited space for you to board your own horse at REACH Huron. 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.

**Academic Program**

**Tour at REACH Huron**

Tours of the REACH Huron facilities can be arranged by appointment. Contact our Equine Programs Student Services Co-ordinator Samantha Tapper at 519-482-3998 ext. 1497 or by email at tappers@uoguelph.ca
Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/cvoa

1 year (2 semesters) | Start/Intake: September

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

The Veterinary Office Administration Certificate program combines veterinary office administration and animal health training. The National Association of Veterinary Technology in America (NAVTA) has accredited this Veterinary Assistant program. 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.

Features
- Only program in Canada to be NAVTA approved
- Practical curriculum from a NAVTA approved Veterinary Assistant Program
- Hands-on animal care training with companion animals
- Office equipment/computer training on current veterinary industry programs
- Instructors with industry and teaching expertise
- Four-week industry placement at the end of semester 2
- Knowledge of key industry business administration practices and trends

Benefits
- Develop essential skills for a front-line position in the animal care industry
- Become career-ready in just one year
- Get the equivalent skills required to work as a Veterinary Assistant
- Approved program whose graduates are eligible to write the Approved Veterinary Assistant (AVA) examination

Sample Careers
- Veterinary Clinic Assistant
- 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

See Page 45 for Program Curriculum
Do you like people, small animals and business administration?

“If you do; I would highly recommend this program! I’ve learned so many things from small animal restraint to understanding pharmacy prescriptions; all while working with small animals. The academics kept me challenged and I loved it! ”

Janine Tebokkel
Bear Creek Secondary School
Utopia, ON
Graduate (2017), Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program
• Chaplaincy Program

INTRAMURAL SPORTS
• Hockey
• Bowling

FUTURE PLANS
• Become a small business owner
Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship Program

ridgetownc.com/apprenticeship

Next Start/Intake: Fall or Winter 2018

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

Length
- 5,520 hours of on-the-job training (90% of hours)
- 480 hours in-school training (10% of hours over approximately 2 years)

School Delivery
Location: 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.

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

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.

Benefits
Dairy Herdsperson is a voluntary certified trade and you do not require a Certificate of Apprenticeship to work in this trade. However, an apprenticeship will increase your knowledge and your opportunities.
Applying to be an Apprentice
To apply to be an apprentice, you must have a sponsor (usually your employer) who has agreed to provide you with apprenticeship training. If you want to learn more about apprenticeship training or get help finding a sponsor, please contact your local Employment Ontario Apprenticeship office. To find the closest office to you, visit ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario-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, issued by the Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Development. You can register into the apprenticeship in-school training at Ridgetown Campus after you get your offer letter.

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

Modules:

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On-Farm Training (90% of program hours)
On-farm training 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.

Questions about the Apprenticeship Program?
Contact Katie Hunter at 519-674-1500 or email katieh@uoguelph.ca for more information about the Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship program.
Program Curriculum

### Associate Diploma in Agriculture

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

#### 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
- Cattle Herd Management
- Dairy Production
- Dairy Production I
- Fruit Production
- Greenhouse Management
- Insect & Disease Management
- Machinery Maintenance
- Pork Production
- Small Ruminant Production
- US Agriculture Study Tour
- Vegetable Production
- World Dairy Expo Trip

##### Semester 4 – Winter

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

**Elective Courses** *(Select 3)*
- Animal Health
- Cattle Herd Management
- Crop Diagnostics & Recommendations
- Dairy Production II
- Farm Structures & Environment
- Greenhouse Vegetable Production
- Nutrient Management
- Organic Production
- Poultry Production
- Renewable Energy & Agriculture
- Ruminant Nutrition

* Agriculture students must complete one of the following courses

### Associate Diploma in Environmental Management

#### 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**
- Advanced Math & Water Chemistry
- Ecological Principles of Managed Landscapes
- Precision Agriculture

**Elective Courses** *(Select 4)*
- Advanced GIS
- Agriculture Chemicals in the Environment
- Industrial Waste Management
- Land Use Planning
- Nutrient Management
- Renewable Energy & Agriculture
- Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection

**Industry Work Placement**

*All students must satisfactorily complete a four-week placement in the environmental industry upon successful completion of Semester 4 courses to fulfill program requirements and receive their diploma.*
**Associate Diploma in Equine Care and Management**

**YEAR 1 (Clinton)**  
**Semester 1 – Fall**  
**Required Courses**  
• Communications & Software Applications I  
• Introduction to the Horse Industry  
• Horse Structure & Function  
• Horse Health  
• Practical Horse Care I  
• Horse Facility Management & Design  

**Semester 2 – Winter**  
**Required Courses**  
• Communications & Software Applications II  
• Horse Conformation & Lameness  
• Horse Feeds & Nutrition  
• Horse Conditioning  
• Horse Reproduction  
• Practical Horse Care II  

**YEAR 2 (Ridgetown)**  
**Semester 3 – Fall**  
**Required Courses**  
• Introduction to Business Management  
• Agriculture & Environmental Stewardship  
• Advanced Horse Nutrition  
• Forage Management for Horses  
• Practical Horse Care III  
• Equine Complimentary Therapies  

**Semester 4 – Winter**  
**Required Courses**  
• Leadership  
• Agricultural Mechanization & Safety  
• Financial Management  
• Marketing  
• Human Resource Management  
• Equine Business Venture  

**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.

**Associate Diploma in Horticulture**

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

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

**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.
Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional Delivery)

YEAR 1
Semester 1 – Fall

Required Courses
• Anatomy & Physiology I
• Medical Exercises I
• Microbiology, Cytology, & Hematology I
• Foundation of Veterinary Technology
• Companion Animal Management
• Communication & Veterinary Software

Semester 2 – Winter

Required Courses
• Anatomy & Physiology II
• Medical Exercises II
• Urinalysis
• Livestock Production & Management
• Hematology II
• Pharmacology & Applied Calculations

YEAR 2
Semester 3 – Fall

Required Courses
• Animal Nursing I
• Animal Dentistry II
• Veterinary Technology Practical Applications
• Laboratory & Exotic Animal Science
• Radiography II
• Surgical & Anaesthetic Principles II

Semester 4 – Winter

Required Courses
• Animal Nursing II
• Animal Dentistry I
• Hospital Management

Industry Work Placement
4 Weeks

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

Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Alternative Delivery)

YEAR 1

Required Courses
• Introduction to Veterinary Technology (F)
• Large Animal Production Management I (F)
• Companion Animal Management (W)
• Large Animal Production Management II (W)
• Anatomy & Physiology (S)
• Communication & Veterinary Software (S)
• Medical Exercises I (S)
• Medical Exercises II (S)
• Microbiology, Cytology, & Hematology I (S)
• Pharmacology & Vet. Math (S)
• Urinalysis (S)

Year 2

Required Courses
• Introduction to Immunobiology (F)
• Veterinary Nursing Techniques (F)
• Introduction to Anaesthetic Principles (W)
• Introduction to Radiography (W)
• Animal Dentistry I (S)
• Clinical Chemistry (S)
• Exercises in Radiography (S)
• Hematology II (S)
• Surgical Exercises (S)
• Veterinary Anatomy/Physiology (S)
• Veterinary Nursing Techniques II (S)

Year 3

Required Courses
• Public Health (F)
• Veterinary Nursing Techniques III (W)
• Animal Dentistry II (S)
• Laboratory & Exotic Animal Science (S)
• Radiography II (S)
• Surgical & Anaesthetic Principles II (S)
• Veterinary Clinic Management (S)
• Veterinary Nursing Techniques IV (S)
• Veterinary Parasitology (S)
• Veterinary Technician Practical Applications (S)

Industry Work Placement – 4 Weeks

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

(F) Fall Semester
(W) Winter Semester
(S) Summer Semester

Note: Fall and Winter courses are taught in DISTANCE format; Summer courses are taught ON-CAMPUS.
Performance Horse Handler Certificate

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 1
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 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.

Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

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.
Experiential Learning Opportunities

International travel helps you broaden your understanding of different cultures, governments, management, and production practices. Students in the agriculture or horticulture diploma programs can explore international learning and study abroad and receive a credit toward their diploma.

US Agricultural Study Tour
Trip Date: End of August/Early September
Trip Length: 7 days
Trip Timing: Summer between Year 1 and 2
- 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
- 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 Reading Week
Trip Length: 7 days
Trip Timing: Year 1 or 2, Winter semester
- Open to Agriculture and Horticulture students

Credit Course (0.5 credit)
You will gain a broader perspective on agriculture and horticulture production and development abroad through this one-week study tour to Belize, 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 International, and Development Projects.
Earn Two Associate Diplomas in Three Years

Students who complete associate diploma programs in horticulture or environmental management are eligible to complete the Associate Diploma in Agriculture with one additional year of study. You can earn two associate diplomas in three years, expanding your knowledge base and opening more potential career options.

Students wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must first complete the two-year environmental management or horticulture program. An internal Program Transfer form is completed during the final semester of the first program to enroll into the Agriculture program for one additional year.

Carol Buys
Medway High School, Arva Thorndale Graduate (Spring 2016), Associate Diploma in Horticulture Graduate (Spring 2017) Associate Diploma in Agriculture

CLUBS/LEADERSHIP
• Student Ambassador Program

CAMPUS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
• Gray Ridge Egg Farms Award

FUTURE PLANS
• I’d like to find a job in a research greenhouse where we are developing new varieties.

Have you ever wanted to study two programs and accelerate your post-secondary training?

“I have a passion for agriculture and horticulture and the 2 diplomas in 3 years option allowed me to reach my academic goals. I’m very pleased I spent 3 years at Ridgetown Campus learning about life-science.”
Advanced Standing to Further Your Education

Completing a two-year academic program 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 what program they apply to) when applying to programs of similar areas of study. Many Ridgetown Campus students decide to continue their studies and give credit to their Ridgetown experience as the motivator for this decision. These students will continue learning by applying to programs of interest such as another diploma program, an applied or undergraduate degree, a specialized certificate, or an industry training opportunity.

**Earn a Bachelor’s Degree**

Two years at Ridgetown Campus plus approximately three years at Guelph Campus = Bachelor’s Degree

Students may be admitted into a University of Guelph degree program provided they meet the specific degree program admission requirements. Associate diploma graduates may apply to University of Guelph, Ontario Agricultural College degree programs. Students must have a cumulative average of 70% or higher to be considered. Contact the University of Guelph’s Registrar’s Office for more specific degree requirements.

**Earn an Applied Degree**

Students may be admitted into an applied degree program at various post-secondary institutions in Ontario or Canada. Credits from your Ridgetown diploma may be transferable.

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**Luke Melady**
Central Huron Secondary School
Seaforth, ON
Graduate (2017), Associate Diploma in Agriculture

**CLUBS/LEADERSHIP**
- Soils & Crops Club
- Belize Study Tour in Central America
- World Dairy Expo Travel Course

**CAMPUS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Bruce Cole Memorial Scholarship
- OAC ’59A – Ralph Campbell Memorial Leadership Scholarship
- Corn and Oilseed Management, Course Award

**FUTURE PLANS**
- Bachelor of Applied Science (Agribusiness), Olds College and eventually retuning to home dairy farm

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Have you considered enhancing your agriculture diploma with further studies?

“I really learned a lot at Ridgetown and that experience sparked my interest to learn more before I enter the work world full-time. I’m excited about studying in another province and learning about agriculture while living in western Canada.”
**Admission Requirements 2017-2018**

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2 Years (4 Semesters)  
page 24 | R201 | • OSSD or equivalent,  
• A minimum 60% average, in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 C, M, O, or U courses, excluding Co-op credits;  
• Including a minimum of Grade 11C Math and 12C English  
• OR Mature Student Status.* | Fall |
| **Environmental Management Diploma**  
2 Years (4 Semesters)  
page 27 | R202 | • OSSD or equivalent,  
• A minimum 60% average, in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 C, M, O, or U courses, excluding Co-op credits;  
• Including a minimum of Grade 11C Math and 12C English  
• OR Mature Student Status.* | Fall |
| **Equine Care and Management Diploma**  
2 Years (4 Semesters)  
Yr. 1: Clinton, ON  
Yr. 2: Ridgetown  
page 28 | R204 | • OSSD or equivalent,  
• A minimum 60% average, in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 C, M, O, or U courses, excluding Co-op credits;  
• Including a minimum of Grade 11C Math and 12C English  
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| **Horticulture Diploma**  
2 Years (4 Semesters)  
page 30 | R205 | • OSSD or equivalent,  
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• Including a minimum of Grade 11C Math and 12C English  
• OR Mature Student Status.* | Fall |
| **Veterinary Technology Diploma (Conventional)**  
2 Years (4 Semesters)  
page 33  
** Oversubscribed Program** | R206 | • OSSD or equivalent;  
• Grade 12C or U Math and English;  
• Grade 11C or U Biology;  
• Grade 12C or Grade 11U Chemistry;  
• Each required course- with a minimum 75% final average, College Level or 65% final average, University Level.  
• If applicants have not completed Grade 12C or U Math and English grade 11 marks will be considered in the assessment process but the Grade 12 courses must be completed prior to entry.  
• Applicants who have met, or are in the process of meeting, the academic requirements will be required to complete the Health Occupational Aptitude Exam at Ridgetown Campus or another designated testing site.  
• Proof of 40 hrs. of related work experience in a veterinary clinic is also required by August 1, prior to entrance into program.  
** NOTE: Students will receive prophylactic rabies immunization beginning the first week of classes, arranged on campus by program co-ordinator.** | Fall |
| **Veterinary Technology Diploma (Alternative)**  
3 Years (9 Semesters)  
page 34  
** Oversubscribed Program** | R306 | ** Fall 2019**  
**NOTE: There will not be an intake of students in Fall 2018**  
** Students will receive prophylactic rabies immunization beginning the first week of classes, arranged on campus by program co-ordinator.**  
For more detailed information about the Veterinary Technology admission requirements please visit:  
ridgetown.uoguelph.ca/vtdmissions  
This is a physically demanding program and students with some forms of disabilities may not be successful due to the physical demands of the program.  
* Mature Student Status does not apply | |
| **Performance Horse Handler Certificate**  
1 Year (2 Semesters)  
Delivered in Clinton, ON  
page 36 | R104 | • OSSD or equivalent;  
• Minimum 60% average, in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 C, M, O, or U courses, excluding Co-op credits;  
• Including a minimum of Grade 11C Math and 12C English.  
• OR Mature Student Status.*  
This is a physically demanding program and students with some forms of disabilities may not be successful due to the physical demands of the program. | Fall |
| **Veterinary Office Administration Certificate**  
1 Year (2 Semesters)  
page 38 | R101 | • OSSD or equivalent;  
• Minimum 60% average, in 6 Grade 11 or Grade 12 C, M, O, or U courses, excluding Co-op credits;  
• Including a minimum of Grade 11C Math and 12C English  
• OR Mature Student Status. *  
** NOTE: Students will receive prophylactic rabies immunization beginning the first week of classes, arranged on campus by program co-ordinator.** | Fall |

* Mature Student: 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.

To further discuss program admission requirements please contact: Contact Barb O’Neill, Assistant Registrar 519-674-1500 ext. 63610, baoneill@uoguelph.ca

Associate Diploma Programs and Certificate Programs Apply at: ontariocolleges.ca
## Tuition & Fees 2017-2018

### Estimated Annual Costs

Note: All estimates based on 2017/2018 fees. Actual costs may be higher

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Application & Supporting Documents Deadlines:
• Apply at ontariocolleges.ca by March 1, 2018
• Supporting Documents (Transcripts, English Proficiency etc.) by April 1, 2018
• Post-secondary transcripts must be assessed by World Education Services (WES). Both credential and course-by-course assessments are required. Official documents should come directly from the issuing institution or accreditation body in their official sealed envelope. Where English translations are needed, please have them verified and sent by the issuing academic institution.

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>CAEL Canadian Academic English Language Assessment cael.ca</td>
<td>Minimum overall band score of 70</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>MELAB Michigan English Language Assessment Battery isa.umich.edu/eltesting/melab</td>
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<td>PTE Pearson Test of English pearsonpte.com</td>
<td>Minimum overall score of 60 with no score less than 60 in the individual components</td>
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<td>ELCP Advanced Level of the English Language Certificate Program eslguelph.ca <a href="mailto:esl@uoguelph.ca">esl@uoguelph.ca</a></td>
<td>Successful completion of the University of Guelph's Open Learning Advanced level ELCP (levels 9 and 10) is also considered an acceptable form of testing</td>
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Estimated International Tuition and Fees – Canadian Dollars ($CAD)

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The official secondary school graduation certificate that would admit you to an internationally recognized university in your home country is normally acceptable. For further details on out-of-country admission requirements including the General Certificate of Education (GCE) please refer to our website at uoguelph.ca/international/students/prospective-students.
APPLYING TO PROGRAMS

• Complete your Ontario Colleges Application form online at ontariocolleges.ca
• Apply by February 1st, 2018 for equal consideration.
  - Applications after February 1st, 2018 will be on a first come-first serve basis
  - Applications to the Veterinary Technology diploma programs after February 1st, 2018 will not be considered.

Questions about your academic requirements?
Contact Barb O’Neil, Assistant Registrar
519-674-1500 ext. 63610
baoneill@uoguelph.ca

Important Application Date for Equal Consideration: February 1, 2018

Application program codes for 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) ........... No Intake Fall 2018
Performance Horse Handler Certificate .............................. R101
Veterinary Office Administration Certificate ...................... R104
Financial Information and Assistance, Scholarships and Awards

Financial Assistance
ridgetownc.com/future/financing_options.cfm

Need assistance in financing your education?
The following two options are ways that you can help pay for your tuition and fees.

1) Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)
one.ca/osap
The Student Awards and Financial Aid Office at Ridgetown Campus administers the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) for eligible students.
The Student Awards and Financial Aid Office is available to answer any questions you may have about the OSAP program or the application.
Loans are interest-free while you’re in full-time studies, and repayment starts six months after graduation.
Students from other Canadian provinces should check out what funding opportunities are available to them through their home province/territory.
Visit your provincial/territorial government’s website for detailed information.

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

Payment by Semester
University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus operates on a semester system; invoices and payments are processed each semester.

Scholarships, Awards, & Bursaries
ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/awards
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.
Check out our campus website at ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/future/financing_awards.cfm or pick up an a student awards handbook from Lorena Foster in the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office.

Annual Awards and Scholarship Program

Fall Awards Program
• Presented in November
• Junior students receive entrance awards
• Senior students receive in-course awards
Approximate number of awards 40
Approximate total value $35,000

Winter Bursaries
• Presented in February
• Includes ACCESS Bursary
Approximate number of bursaries 40
Approximate total value $80,000

Spring Graduation Awards
• Presented to graduating students at convocation in June
• Includes course, leadership, and academic proficiency awards
Approximate number of awards 58
Approximate total value $34,000

Questions about financial assistance or awards and scholarships?
Lorena Foster
Financial Aid Officer
519-674-1500 ext. 63507
lorenaf@uoguelph.ca
Job Placement Assistance Services

ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/jobs

We’re here to assist you with your job search whether you’re looking for summer or permanent employment.

Job Placement Assistance Services
If you need assistance writing or updating your resume or cover letter, Ridgetown Campus offers job placement services. Let us help you learn effective methods for tailoring your resume and cover letter to a certain job, applying for jobs, and approaching potential employers. Services are open to all current students.

Campus Career Fair
Every year Ridgetown Campus hosts an on-campus career fair featuring a wide variety of industry businesses. You will have the chance to connect with employers, distribute your resume, and learn about career opportunities for summer and permanent employment. Everyone is welcome!

Job Postings
A variety of job postings are received each year for full-time, part-time and summer employment. These postings are for a wide variety of industries and career opportunities. They are available to all students and alumni. Head to our website to check out the online job board! Check out our website at: ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/services/jobs_index.cfm for more information.

Ridgetown Campus Summer Employment
Looking to gain some experience in your area of interest and stay in the Ridgetown community? Ridgetown Campus hires around 90 university and college students to work in various departments on campus. Employment can be found as crop research technical assistants, field labourers, or grounds maintenance workers.

OMAFRA - Ridgetown
The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) also hire students to work for them during the summer. Check out the Ontario Government’s careers page for more information on available summer employment opportunities at gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEP.aspx
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
• Academic Program Inquiries
• Open House Event Information/Registrations

For Clinton Students
Equine Programs (Diploma and Certificate)

RIDGETOWN CAMPUS STAFF CONTACTS
On-Site Student Recruitment –
Academic Program & Facilities Tours in Clinton
Samantha Tapper
tappers@uoguelph.ca
519-482-3998 ext. 1497

On Site Student Services Co-ordinator in Clinton
Samantha Tapper
tappers@uoguelph.ca
519-482-3998 ext. 1497

PRESIDENTS OFFICE
On-Campus Staff
Academic Programs & Facilities
Samantha Tapper
tappers@uoguelph.ca
519-482-3998 ext. 1497

ONLINE RESOURCES
FOR 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

Campus Services: 519-674-1500
ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca

Academic Administration

Associate Director,
Academic
Irene Moore
imoore@uoguelph.ca
ext. 63666

Campus Registrar,
Academic
Barb O’Neill
baoneill@uoguelph.ca
ext. 63610

Academic Program Co-ordinators

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

Interim Equine Industry
Programs Co-ordinator
Sharon McMaster
mcmastes@uoguelph.ca
519-482-3998 ext. 1488

Student Accessibility
Services
Errin Campbell
rcsas@uoguelph.ca
ext. 63206

For All Students

Award and
Scholarship Services
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
creyno03@uoguelph.ca
ext. 63517

On-Campus Community Services

Academic Skills Consultant
Lori Sheppard
lshiepp@uoguelph.ca

Life-Skills Coaching and
Chaplaincy Services
Rev. Doug Rowley
drowley@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
Future Student Open House Events

Register online for a Fall or Spring Open House at: http://ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/future/openhouse.cfm

**Fall 2017**

**RED CARPET DAY in CLINTON**
**Wednesday November 22, 2017**
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 Huron Facility

**RED CARPET DAYS in RIDGETOWN**
**Wednesday November 29, 2017**
For students interested in:
- Associate Diploma in Agriculture
- Associate Diploma in Environmental Management
- Associate Diploma in Horticulture

**Thursday November 30, 2017**
For students interested in:
- Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional & Alternative Delivery)
- Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

**Spring 2018**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION DAY in CLINTON**
**Tuesday March 6, 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 Huron Facility

**APPLICANT INFORMATION DAYS in RIDGETOWN**
**Tuesday March 13, 2018**
For students interested in:
- Associate Diploma in Agriculture
- Associate Diploma in Environmental Management
- Associate Diploma in Horticulture

**Monday April 2, 2018**
For students interested in:
- Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (Conventional & Alternative Delivery)
- Veterinary Office Administration Certificate

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**2018 Veterinary Technology HOAE Admissions Testing Dates at Ridgetown Campus**

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<td>To register to complete the HOAE test at Ridgetown Campus, please see ridgetown.uoguelph.ca closer to testing dates.</td>
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Important Dates

2017

OCTOBER

Early October – College applications for Fall 2018 open on ontarioccolleges.ca
Mid to Late October – OSAP applications for Fall 2018 open at osap.gov.on.ca

NOVEMBER

Wednesday November 22 – Equine Care & Management, Performance Horse Handler Red Carpet Day (CLINTON, ON)
Wednesday November 29 – Agriculture, Environmental Management, Horticulture Red Carpet Day
Thursday November 30 – Veterinary Technology and Veterinary Office Administration Red Carpet Day

DECEMBER

December 1 – Final day of classes for students
December 4-9 – Fall semester final examination period
December 25, 2017 - January 2, 2018 – Campus closed for Winter Break

2018

JANUARY

January 3 – Campus re-opens for Winter Semester
January 8 – Classes begin for Winter Semester

FEBRUARY

February 1 – Equal Consideration date for applications NOTE: Last day to submit applications for Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology for Fall 2018
• Earliest date for offers to be made to all programs except for Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology.
February 2 & 3 – Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) Winter Games (Host: Ridgetown Campus)
February 2 – Health Occupational Aptitude Exam (HOAE) testing date for veterinary technology programs
February 9 – Health Occupational Aptitude Exam (HOAE) testing date for veterinary technology programs
February 16 – Health Occupational Aptitude Exam (HOAE) testing date for veterinary technology programs
February 19-23 – Study Break week for students

MARCH

March 6 – Equine Care and Management, Performance Horse Handler Applicant Information Day (Clinton, ON)
March 13 – Agriculture, Environmental Management, Horticulture Applicant Information Day
March 16-17 – Spring Expo (Student-Led Open House)

APRIL

April 2 – Veterinary Technology and Veterinary Office Administration Applicant Information Day
April 6 – Final day of classes for current students
April 9-14 – Winter semester final examination period

MAY

May 1 – Acceptance deadline for offers of admission at ontarioccolleges.ca
May 25 – Residence application and $500 deposit deadline

JUNE

June 1 – Graduation ceremony for all programs
Mid-June – New Student Handbook and course selection information mailed to new students
• Diploma student course selection opens
• Certificate student account information mailed out with New Student Handbook

JULY

Mid-July – Diploma student account information available online

AUGUST

August 10 – $200 Non-refundable Registration deposit due

SEPTEMBER

Ridgetown:
September 3 – Residence move-in day
September 4 – New student registration
September 4-6 – New student orientation
September 6 – First day of classes
September 14 – Final payment for Fall Semester due
September 28 – Final date for opting out of health and dental benefits

Clinton:
September 4 – New Student Registration
September 4-7 – New student orientation
September 10 – First day of classes
September 14 – Final payment for Fall Semester due
September 28 – Final date for opting out of health and dental benefits
University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, Campus Map

- Residence
- Classroom Facilities
- Research Facilities
- Business Development Centre
- Other
- Parking

Campus Map
Where to Find Us

University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus
120 Main Street East, Ridgetown, Ontario N0P 2C0
519-674-1500
ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca
• Located two hours southwest of the University of Guelph main campus in Guelph, Ontario
• One hour west of London, Ontario and thirty minutes east of Chatham, Ontario
• 6 km south of Highway 401 (exit 109) on County Road 17

Clinton Location at REACH Huron
169 Beech Street, Clinton, Ontario N0M 1L0
519-482-3998
• Located two hours north of the University of Guelph main campus in Guelph, Ontario
• Located an hour north of London, Ontario

University of Guelph – Main Campus
50 Stone Road East, Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1
519-824-4120
uoguelph.ca

For a campus tour, please contact the Recruitment office at:
519-674-1500 ext. 63256 or rcampus@uoguelph.ca

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