

## **“QUESTIONS TO ASK THE SCHOOL” Q&A – ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA**

**1. Q: What are the methods of instruction and the time spent on each?**

A: Most of the courses taught in the Environmental Management program include both lecture and lab components. Each course description will indicate the number of lecture–lab hours per week (ie. 3-2 would mean that the course consists of three hours of lectures and a two-hour lab per week in each of the 12 weeks of instruction).

**2. Q: What certification will you get upon completion of this course (program)?**

A: You will earn an Associate Diploma in Environmental Management from the University of Guelph. Students of this program will have the option of writing the OIT (Operator In Training) exams during their third semester of studies.

**3. Q: How will your progress be monitored and reported?**

A: Students receive both mid-term and final grades each semester.

**4. Q: How many hours of home study are expected per week?**

A: On average a student would spend 10 hours per week working on assignments outside of scheduled class time.

**5. Q: Are detailed course descriptions available to prospective students?**

A: YES, the course descriptions can be found on our [www.ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca](http://www.ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca) website under ‘Second Career’ as well as on the University of Guelph website (online diploma calendar).

**6. Q: What resources are available if you require additional help in courses?**

A: There are peer helpers available to all students (free of charge) for academic assistance. The instructors of the courses are also available for additional help (contact information of the instructor(s) of each course is provided on the Course Outline given to students at the beginning of each semester).

**7. Q: What percentage of students who are enrolled in the program successfully complete it?**

A: On average, 90% of students will complete this program.

**8. Q: What academic counseling is available prior to starting school and during the training period?**

A: There is a general program counselor available as well as assistance from the coordinator of the Environmental Management program.

**9. Q: How does the school accommodate the needs of adult learners?**

A: (answer same as #8)

**10. Q: What are the qualifications of the instructors?**

A: Degree; masters; PhD status as well as many with several years of industry involvement.

**11. Q: Do students have the opportunity to evaluate the instructors and the courses?**

A: Yes, course evaluations are offered for each course near the end of each semester.

**12. Q: Does the institution have publicized policies dealing with human rights issues?**

A: Yes, all Guelph University student policies will be found in the diploma calendar found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/diploma/current/>

**13. Q: Are you allowed to audit classes?**

A: YES

**14. Q: Will the school provide references?**

A: Graduate statements can be found either on our website at [http://www.ridgetownc.com/future/programs\\_denm\\_studentssay.cfm](http://www.ridgetownc.com/future/programs_denm_studentssay.cfm) or in our Admissions Guide book.

**15. Q: Will there be a practicum or work placement?**

A: Students in the Environmental Management diploma program will have the option of participating in an industry placement one day per week during their final semester of studies.

**16. Q: How does the institution support continuing education/upgrading for graduates in this field of work?**

A: Successful students in this program may apply to transfer into the Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management program through OAC, Guelph University with advanced standing credits.

**17. Q: How does the institution make an effort to place its graduates in jobs after completion of the program?**

A: A career placement officer is available on campus to assist with job searches, as well as job postings being available on our website. Several instructors within this program have very close ties to the industry, resulting in job availability notifications for both current and past students of this program. A job fair is also held each year. Resume writing assistance is available, as well as resume faxing availability.

**18. Q: What percentage of graduates from this training find work in a field related to their education?**

A: On average, 85-90% of graduates of this program find employment within the different avenues of the environmental field.

**19. Q: List of employers who hire graduates from this program.**

A: Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR); Ministry of the Environment (MOE); municipalities (water treatment; waste water treatment plants); nutrient management consultants; etc.

**20. Q: How will the credentials you receive be recognized by the industry?**

A: Graduates who possess University of Guelph's Environmental Management diploma are well recognized in the industry, as indicated by the high percentage of employment rate. The industry placement in the final semester assists with this endeavour.