

Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology Vocational Learning Objectives

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The Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Practice in a professional manner within a legislative and ethical framework, ensuring any provincial legislation and any accrediting bodies’ (ie. College of Veterinarians, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, American Veterinary Medical Association, Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians, Canadian Council on Animal Care) standards for personnel, environment, and animal care and welfare are achieved or exceeded.
2. Accurately perform diagnostics, monitor and assess animals under veterinary care and document/communicate results as required.
3. In all formats, communicate/participate/cooperate effectively and respectfully within a team in respect to integrating theory; principles; concepts and practical skills with effective problem-solving and decision making. This will also include business and personnel management.
4. Competently use and maintain a variety of technological modalities appropriate and necessary to the performance of tasks.
5. Prioritize, organize, and implement patient plans compassionately and according to professional standards.
6. Recognize and manage biological environmental and physical hazards intrinsic to the work place according to universal and global precautions.
7. Promote and advocate global animal health through education and counseling.
8. Develop strategies for ongoing personal and professional development to enhance work performance and career opportunities.

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University of Guelph – 5 Learning Outcomes:

1. Critical and Creative Thinking
2. Literacy
3. Global Understanding
4. Communicating
5. Professional and Ethical Behaviour