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Environmental Management Students Learning at the Ridgetown Water Pollution Control Plant



Second Year Environmental Management Diploma student, Chloe Hewitt, performing tests during class at the Ridgetown Water Pollution Control Plant

The students in the Environmental Management Diploma program at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus are getting an incredible opportunity this fall. Students taking the Sewage and Waste Water Treatment course go to the Ridgetown Water Pollution Control Plant for three hours to utilize the facilities. This alternative classroom allows students to learn in a professional setting while developing job-specific skills. Students also have the opportunity to observe maintenance work, water treatment software, and develop additional skills that they wouldn't otherwise gain in a campus lab. "It's great for us to come here and work with the equipment we will be using in our careers. It gives us an important insight into possible careers in water and wastewater treatment," says Chloe Hewitt, second year Environmental Management Diploma student.

This new learning opportunity, initiated by College Professor, Deb Hills, allows students to leave the traditional classroom or lab setting one afternoon per week. "This \$15 million facility provides the best hands-on

training that students in this field could possibly get. We really appreciate this unique opportunity, and want to express our gratitude for the Chatham-Kent PUC's support to learning at the Ridgetown Campus," says Hills. "The students in this elective course will be equipped with the right tools to enter into careers in water and wastewater treatment."

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