

UNIVERSITY  
of GUELPH

IMPROVE LIFE.

# RIDGETOWN CAMPUS



Diplomas | Certificates | Apprenticeships | Skills Training

# THE ULTIMATE SMALL-CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

**University of Guelph's Ridgetown Campus  
is part of the Ontario Agricultural College  
at Canada's Food University.**



# “I don’t want to be another number; I want to be a part of something special.”

We offer hands-on learning experiences, world-class instructors and unique extracurricular opportunities that will prepare you for your future career. At Ridgetown Campus, you are part of a community that improves the world growing around us.

- ✓ **An intimate campus community of around 600 students**
- ✓ **450 acres of land, small- and large-animal colonies and 4 teaching barns on campus**
- ✓ **Staff who will help you succeed inside and outside the classroom**

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# Improve the world growing around you by studying plants, animals, and the environment.

Programs	Admission Requirements
<b>2-Year Associate Diploma Programs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agriculture</li> <li>▪ Environmental Technician</li> <li>▪ Equine Care and Management</li> <li>▪ Horticulture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent</li> <li>▪ A minimum cumulative average of 65% in six Grade 11 or Grade 12 U, C, M or O level courses (excludes Co-op credits)</li> <li>▪ Includes a minimum of Grade 11C Math and Grade 12C English</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterinary Technology Conventional (2-Year) or Veterinary Technology Alternative (3-Year)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent</li> <li>▪ Grade 12 C or U English, Grade 12 C or U Mathematics, Grade 11 C or U Biology and Grade 12 C or Grade 11 U Chemistry</li> <li>▪ A minimum final grade of 75% at the C level</li> <li>▪ A minimum final grade of 65% at the U level</li> </ul>
<b>1-Year Certificate Program</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Veterinary Assistant and Office Administration Certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent</li> <li>▪ A minimum cumulative average of 65% in six Grade 11 or Grade 12 U, C, M or O level courses (excludes Co-op credits)</li> <li>▪ Includes a minimum of Grade 11C Math and Grade 12C English</li> </ul>
<b>2-Year Apprenticeship Program</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or Ministry-approved equivalent</li> <li>▪ To fulfill the practical on-farm component of the program, students are required to be working on a dairy farm</li> </ul>


**Apply now!**

# Associate Diploma in Agriculture

✓ Co-op Option

**“I valued the hands-on experiences with the livestock on campus. I learned how to find trusted industry resources that will be important to my future career.”**

—Patrick Duffin, 2023 Graduate

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- Focus your future career in the agriculture industry: crops, livestock, agri-business and/or resource management
  - Gain hands-on experience on our farm operation
  - Connect with industry leaders through instructors
  - Travel the world while earning a course credit

# Associate Diploma in Environmental Technician

✓ Co-op Option



**“I will combine the great skills I learned from my summer position on campus to transition into a career in conservation.”**

—Candace Lawton,  
2023 Graduate

- Master industry skills in environmental teaching labs
- Prepare for industry certifications
- Learn at the Ridgeway Wastewater Treatment Facility
- Gain highly sought-after job skills

# Associate Diploma in Equine Care & Management

✓ Co-op Option

**“The combination of diverse equine courses has made me feel more competent about my understanding of the equestrian industry.”**

—Helen Savostenko,  
2023 Graduate



- Work hands-on with the teaching herd, which includes a variety of horses from all disciplines
- Gain industry skills to prepare you to work in an A-level facility
- Travel the world while earning a course credit

# Associate Diploma in Horticulture

✓ Co-op Option

**“I really enjoyed propagating plants in the greenhouse and watching them grow.”**

—Allison Augustin, Class of 2024

- Focus your studies on the greenhouse production, edible horticulture or nursery/landscaping sectors
- Learn to identify 100+ trees and shrubs
- Develop career-ready skills in our on-campus greenhouses
- Earn a course credit while travelling the world

# Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology

**“Access to the clinical teaching spaces such as dentistry, radiography, small-animal surgery and pharmacy suites was a key reason I chose to study at Ridgetown.”**

—Selina Whitter,  
Class of 2024



- Participate in hands-on learning activities with animals on campus
- Enhance job skills during your work placement
- A pass rate that exceeds the Canadian national average on the Veterinary Technician National Examination
- Animal adoption program on campus
- Learn at the only Ontario school accredited by the Canadian and American Veterinary Medical Association and the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians

# Veterinary Assistant and Office Administration Certificate



**“Ridgetown is a great campus to learn about companion animal care and veterinary office administration.”**

**—Karlie Gallagher,  
2023 Graduate**

- Build the skills required to be a veterinary assistant and front office administrator
- Gain experience while working with our small-animal colonies on campus
- Focus your studies on both animal care and administrative business training
- Learn advanced software used by industry professionals

# Dairy Herdsperson Apprenticeship



**“The new breeding skills I developed in the program were valuable to the farm and were reflected in a pay increase.”**

**—McKenna Morrison,  
Class of 2024**

- Work, earn and learn at the same time
- Build your knowledge through in-class training
- Develop problem solving skills for your career
- Gain practical skills while training on the farm with your employer
- Evaluate herd efficiency by collecting, analyzing and sharing data

# LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE AT RIDGETOWN CAMPUS



## Get Involved

- ✓ Join our student government
- ✓ Engage in campus events and clubs
- ✓ Participate in recreational options

## Eat Well

- ✓ Locally sourced food with farm-fresh ingredients
- ✓ Delicious and nutritious options
- ✓ AYCE! “All you can eat”

## Live on Campus

- ✓ Inclusive and supportive residence community
- ✓ Convenient access to campus resources
- ✓ 24/7 safety and security services

## Succeed

- ✓ Staff dedicated to creating a positive student experience and academic success
- ✓ Part-time jobs on campus
- ✓ Leadership development opportunities





**“My transition from being a student to securing full-time employment was easy because of the industry connections I made during my time at Ridgetown.”**

**—Victoria Wilson,  
2023 Graduate**

# **BUILD SKILLS. GET A JOB. GROW YOUR CAREER.**

**Ridgetown Campus delivers career-focused education and training that ensures graduates are industry-ready.**

- ✓ **Learn from industry-connected instructors**
- ✓ **Gain hands-on, work-relevant experience**
- ✓ **Get career experience through co-op options**
- ✓ **Prepare for in-demand industry qualifications**
- ✓ **Connect with potential employers and build your network**

# A SMALL CAMPUS CLOSE TO BIG-CITY AMENITIES



**University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, is located in Chatham-Kent, Ontario, Canada.** Ridgetown Campus is located within the McKee Purchase (Treaty 2), the treaty lands of the Odawa, Potawatomi, Ojibwe and Huron. It is recognized that the Anishinaabe, Hodinöhsö:ni' and Lūnaapéewak peoples have unique, long-standing and ongoing relationships with this land.

**“Yes! I’d like to explore the ultimate small-campus experience!”**



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