

# Veterinary Sciences: DVSc

The program provides advanced academic preparation in both clinical training and research and is a unique post-professional doctoral-level degree. The DVSc differs from PhD training by emphasizing the development of both clinical research and applied skills in the various areas of clinical specialization appropriate for preparation for specialty Board certification. Our clinical specialties include anesthesiology, cardiology, emergency and critical care, large and small animal internal medicine, large and small animal surgery, neurology, nutrition, oncology, and radiology.

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## PROGRAM

The Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) program is a thesis-based program combined with clinical work completed in approximately 9 or 12 semesters (3 or 4 years) depending on the area of study. The DVSc program requires the successful completion of clinical training, academic courses, a qualifying exam, and the defence of a research-based thesis.

## COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATIONS

Collaborative Specializations allow students to enhance their degrees with multidisciplinary research. The DVSc program in the Department of Clinical Studies participates in the Regenerative Medicine Collaborative Specialization. Additional information can be found in the [Graduate Calendar](#).

## AREAS OF STUDY

The department of Clinical Studies offers expertise in a number of areas:

- Prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease
- Clinical trials and case-based research
- Translational and comparative models, technologies, and studies
- Access to veterinary care and community medicine
- Veterinary education



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or equivalent degree with a minimum average of 73% (B).
- Must be eligible for a licence to practice veterinary medicine in Ontario.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Clinical Studies DVSc positions are typically advertised and selected through the American Association of Veterinary Clinicians' website ([www.virmp.org](http://www.virmp.org)) which can be accessed in early October. Occasionally specialty training positions become available and are advertised on our website and through appropriate veterinary channels.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Advanced veterinary medicine
- Improving animal health
- Comparing animal and human health
- How different body systems work in health and disease
- Advanced medical technology
- Health and medical communications

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Veterinary specialty medicine
- Comparative medical research
- Government and regulatory bodies
- Animal health industry
- Academia

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