A Roadmap for Animal Welfare

The University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet) is offering this online program for working professionals and science graduates who seek a formal understanding of animal behavior and science-based approaches to animal welfare.

The format of this graduate program allows individuals to learn, understand, and apply a variety of tools that promise to enhance their ability to improve the quality of animals’ lives. Participants will discover new ways to think about animal welfare and apply it to animals.

Penn Vet’s Certificate in Animal Welfare and Behavior combines the knowledge and experience of a veterinary school with eminent faculty who operate across the spectrum of small-to-large animals, with research concentrations in human-animal interactions, shelter medicine, animal behavior and stress, and farm animal welfare.

PROGRAM DETAILS

START DATES
FALL  Animal Welfare Science
SPRING 1  Fundamentals of Animal Behavior
SPRING 2  Applied Animal Welfare and Behavior
SUMMER  Animals and Society

DURATION
4 Courses  |  7 Weeks Each

COMMITMENT
8-10 hours per week

PROGRAM FORMAT
100% online (synchronous and asynchronous)

PROGRAM TUITION
$4,000 per course

ACADEMIC CREDIT
1 CU per course

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PROGRAM BENEFITS

Through this program, you will:

- Gain the background necessary to understand and engage in the public discourse on animal welfare
- Increase your sensitivity to animal welfare problems by learning to recognize relevant behavioral signs
- Build a professional network of peers to gain multiple perspectives, explore ideas, and discuss challenges
- Learn how to identify solutions to particular welfare challenges facing an individual animal, an organization, or even a whole industry.
- Garner valuable experience in conceptualizing, writing and defending a research proposal integrating both theory and practice of animal welfare
- Help prepare veterinarians for board certification by the American College of Animal Welfare

COURSES

- Animal Welfare Science – VCSN 639
- Fundamentals of Animal Behavior – VCSP 633
- Applied Animal Welfare and Behavior – VCSN 650
- Animals and Society – VCSP 639
Designed for Science Graduates and Working Professionals

This four-course, for-credit certificate program is designed for science graduates and professionals working or seeking careers in animal science, animal research, animal and food industries, government and NGOs whose careers would benefit from an evidence-based understanding of animal welfare and behavior.* Taught by internationally renowned Penn Vet faculty, the program provides students with an insightful and comprehensive overview of the fields of animal welfare and behavior, and human-animal interactions.

* This four course certificate program is the foundation of a Master’s program that will begin in 2020.

“Across all the uses of animals, there is a growing need for a more thoughtful and nuanced approach to animal welfare. The goal of this online certificate program is to answer these emerging questions that are important to veterinarians and other professionals working to meet societal expectations and to improve the quality of animals’ lives.”

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