

Turn your love of nature  
into a rewarding career.

Accredited | Affordable | 8 Start Dates a Year

## B.S. in Captive Wildlife Care

Prepare for an exciting career in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, care, and advocacy by earning a comprehensive degree in captive wild animal management from America's Environmental College. Flexible and affordable, the hybrid B.S. in Captive Wildlife Care lets students learn through a combination of online and in-person courses. Our accredited animal care courses teach the skills you need to work with wildlife safely and ethically, provide wildlife rescue and rehabilitation services, and teach the importance of animal conservation. Program graduates go on to become passionate animal advocates, zoologists, public educators, and much more.

**In Person Course:** \$550 per credit

**Online Course:** \$470 per credit

## Program Highlights

### Job Outcomes, Growth\*, & Salary\*\*

Zoologist

\$ \$63k 📈 +5%

Wildlife Biologist

\$ \$63k 📈 +5%

Educational Interpreter

\$ \$50k 📈 +11%

\*Projected 10-year growth

\*\*National median salary

Source: Burning Glass Technologies.

Labor Insight™ -

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Flexible and affordable, our Hybrid Learning programs offer students a new way to earn a degree from America's Environmental College. Students can choose where and how to learn according to individual preferences and ultimate career goals.

**+ Unity College** is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education.

**+ With eight start dates per year**, students can apply year-round and enter into the program at any point in the year.

**+ Our five-week terms** let students concentrate on just one or two classes at a time.

**+ All classes are taught by faculty experts in their respective fields** and trained in pedagogical practices specific to their modality, online or face-to-face.

## 94% of our graduates are employed full-time within six months of graduation.

### Nationally Recognized Program

The Captive Wildlife Care program at Unity College began two decades ago with the goal of preparing students to be leaders in the field of wildlife care, animal husbandry, and wildlife rehabilitation. From a founding class of only three students, the Unity CWC has grown to be nationally recognized as one of the leading four-year wildlife care programs in the country.

### Courses that Make the Difference

Graduates distinguish themselves in their strong preparation within the sciences, their career-relevant coursework, and their commitment to making a difference.

"The captive program at Unity teaches you exactly what you're going to do. I knew what I was getting myself into and what I wanted." - Chaz James '16, Little Rock Zoo

### Affordable and Flexible

The Unity College Captive Wildlife Care degree program offers students unparalleled affordability and flexibility through our immersive 5-week courses. Learn online and take optional in-person courses that suit your schedule. Enjoy the flexibility of starting on your own schedule, setting your pace of study and managing your costs of attendance to suit your needs.

### Clear Career Paths

Launch your career as a wildlife rehabilitator, animal husbandry technician, or animal caretaker through our extensive networking and internship programs. Captive Wildlife Care students experience internships in zoos, aquaria, and rehabilitation centers throughout the country.

## Job Outcomes, Growth\*, & Salary\*\*



### Zoologist

Median Salary: **\$63k**

Growth: **+5%**

Zoologists specialize in the study of animals and their ecosystems. Job tasks include; researching animal behavior, collecting zoological data for analysis, and contributing to the publication of scientific journals.



### Wildlife Biologist

Median Salary: **\$63k**

Growth: **+5%**

Use your skills to study the origins, behavior, diseases, genetics, and life processes of animals and wildlife.



### Educational Interpreter

Median Salary: **\$50k**

Growth: **+11%**

Provide communication access to students by accurately representing the classroom instruction, teacher/student dialogue, and relevant information in the mode of communication used by the student.

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- + **Describe** how a variety of animals reproduce and develop, how they sense and respond to external stimuli, how their anatomical structures support function in specific habitats/conditions, and how their physiological processes enable them to maintain homeostasis.
- + **Design**, implement, and evaluate systems to meet behavior management goals and animal welfare needs.
- + **Critique** or design animal husbandry practices based on an understanding of the connection between these practices and animal health.
- + **Identify** and use strategies for pursuing employment or further education and practicing self-care necessary to thrive in the field of captive wildlife care.
- + **Create** research opportunities, education outreach programming, and advocacy materials that effectively employ ex situ animals to benefit in situ wildlife conservation efforts.

### Overview of Degree Requirements 120 Credits Total

To earn the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies degree, you must complete:

- ☐ General Education Core: 40 credits
- ☐ Major Core: 40 credits
- ☐ Electives: 40 credits

You must complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework at the 300 level or above.

### General Education Core - 40 Credits Completed Online

- ☐ **BIOL 105** Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution
  - ☐ **BIOL 106** Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory
  - ☐ **COMM 100** Communication Skills for Online Learners (2 cr)
  - ☐ **COMM 101** Writing for Environmental Professionals
  - ☐ **COMM 201** Multimedia Communication for Environmental Professionals
  - ☐ **ENVJ 303** American Government: Foundations in Environmental Law
  - ☐ **ENVS 201** The Warming Planet: Understanding Climate Change
  - ☐ **CHEM 101** Chemistry I
  - ☐ **EVPC 100** Ecoliteracy (1c)
  - ☐ **EVPC 201** Environmental Issues: Deforestation, Biodiversity Loss, and Overpopulation OR
  - ☐ **EVPC 202** Environmental Issues: Energy, Water Scarcity, and Waste
  - ☐ **MATH 201** Statistics for Environmental Professionals
  - ☐ **PSYC 101** Introduction to Psychology
- COMPLETE ONE COURSE (3 CR) FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CURRICULUM AREAS:**
- ☐ **ARTS** Arts
  - ☐ **HUMN, SPAN** Humanities
- COMPLETED AT PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SITE:**
- ☐ **IS 390** Internship

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### Captive Wildlife Care Core - 40 Credits

COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM EACH ROW IN THE TABLE BELOW. EACH REQUIREMENT HAS AN ONLINE OPTION AND AN IN-PERSON OPTION.

In-Person Option	Online Option
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CW 101</b> Care of Captive Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ANIM 305</b> Animal Health and Disease
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BI 202</b> Cell Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BIOL 315</b> Cell Biology
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BI 204</b> Population & Community Ecology	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BIOL 203</b> Ecological Principles: Applications to Conservation & Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BI 301</b> Comparative Animal Anatomy	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ANIM 302</b> Animal Comparative Anatomy
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BI 302</b> Comparative Animal Physiology	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ANIM 304</b> Animal Comparative Physiology
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BI 305</b> Conservation Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BIOL 305</b> Conservation Biology
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CH 102</b> General Chemistry 1 Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CHEM 102</b> Chemistry 1 Laboratory
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CW 490</b> Captive Wildlife Care Capstone	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>EVPC 490</b> Transdisciplinary Capstone
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WF 201</b> Animal Training	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ANIM 103</b> Animal Training and Care
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>WF 303</b> Enrichment and Exhibit Design	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ANIM 307</b> Designing Captive Animal Environments

### General Electives

☐ 40 credits of general electives

### College Wide Requirements

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### General Education Core - 16 Credits Completed Online

- ☐ **BIOL 102** Biological Diversity, Ecology and Evolution
- ☐ **BIOL 106** Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory
- ☐ **BIOL 103** Biology: Foundation of Life
- ☐ **CHEM 101** Chemistry I
- ☐ **MATH 201** Statistics for Environmental Professionals

### COMPLETED AT PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENT SITE:

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