

MAKE YOUR **PASSION** YOUR CAREER



Accredited | 100% Online | 8 Start Dates a Year

ANIMAL HEALTH & BEHAVIOR

Do you love animals and want to turn your passion into a career? As an Animal Health and Behavior student, you will learn how animals think, behave, and evolve, and learn what animals need for rehabilitation, care, and health.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- + Transfer friendly! We will accept up to 90 credits.
- + Experiential Online. Experiential programs are delivered 100% online with field work designed with the working professional in mind.
- + Study when and where you want and finish your degree while still working full-time.
- + One-on-one academic advising as our trained staff strive to make your professional and academic goals a reality.
- + Unity Environmental University is an accredited institution by New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).
- + Make professional connections with leaders in your field.
- + Get job placement assistance through our career services department.

BACCALAUREATE DEGREE



DISTANCE EDUCATION

COSTS

- + \$470 per credit | Military Rate: \$423
- + Full time financial aid is available to students taking as few as 3 credits/term.
- + No textbooks to purchase in over half of our courses!

CAREER OUTCOMES, GROWTH*, & SALARY**

Veterinary Assistant

\$ \$37k 📈 +19.3

Companion Animal Director

\$ \$55k 📈 +10

Animal Caretaker

\$ \$32k 📈 +24.2

Animal Trainer

\$ \$39k 📈 +11.1

*Projected 10-year growth **National median salary
Source: O*Net



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JOB OUTCOMES, GROWTH*, & SALARY**

At Unity Environmental University, we understand the importance of aligning education with your passions and career goals. That's why our courses are thoughtfully designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a rewarding career with gainful employment in your chosen field. Additionally, our faculty consists of experienced professionals who bring real-world insights, providing you with valuable mentorship and guidance. At Unity, you will find exceptional career development resources and experiential opportunities to further enhance your employability and help you achieve your professional aspirations.



Veterinary Assistant

Median Salary: \$37k
Growth: +19.3

Veterinary Assistants are responsible for the care of animals under the supervision of a veterinarian or veterinary technician. Their job tasks include: feeding, bathing, exercising the animals, and restraining animals when needed during examinations and treatments.



Companion Animal Director

Median Salary: \$55k
Growth: +10

Companion Animal Directors are responsible for training and managing the training of animals for obedience, performance, riding, security, or assisting people with disabilities. Directors oversee training programs that familiarize animals with human voices and contact and teach them to respond to commands.



Animal Trainer

Median Salary: \$39k
Growth: +11.1

Animal Trainers work with animals for riding, harness, security, performance, or obedience, or for assisting persons with disabilities. They accustom animals to human voice and contact, and condition animals to respond to commands. Trainers will teach animals according to prescribed standards for show or competition.

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UNOFFICIAL BACCALAUREATE CHECKSHEET ANIMAL HEALTH & BEHAVIOR

Student Name _____

Total Transfer Credits _____ Checksheet Date _____

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The B.S. in Animal Health and Behavior degree prepares students for careers at zoos and aquariums, in the veterinary fields, as animal welfare officers, and for a future focused on the care and well-being of wild and captive animals around the world. This degree provides students with the essential knowledge and professional skills to succeed in settings such as veterinary medicine degree programs, companion and wild animal care facilities, wildlife rehabilitation, and preserves.

GRADUATES WILL BE ABLE TO:

- + Explain biological, ethical, psychological, medical, legal, and social concepts underlying the care and maintenance of wild and captive animals.
- + Choose and demonstrate appropriate Laboratory techniques used in the care of animals in both wild and captive settings.
- + Identify and explain the training, health, and habitat needs for optimal wild or captive animal health.
- + Critically evaluate information using scientific and quantitative reasoning skills.

General Education Core

- ☐ **BIOL 103** Biology: Foundations of Life
- ☐ **BIOL 104** Biology: Foundations of Life Laboratory (1cr)
- ☐ **BIOL 105** Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution
- ☐ **BIOL 106** Biological Diversity, Ecology, and Evolution Laboratory (1cr)
- ☐ **COMM 100** Communication Skills for Online Learners (2cr)
- ☐ **COMM 102** Strategic Writing for Environmental Professionals (2cr)
- ☐ **COMM 301** Communicating for Impact (2cr)
- ☐ **ENVS 201** The Warming Planet: Understanding Climate Change
- ☐ **MATH 101** College Algebra for Environmental Professionals OR **MATH 105** Precalculus
- ☐ **MATH 201** Statistics for Environmental Professionals
- ☐ **PSYC 101** Introduction to Psychology
- ☐ An Arts course
- ☐ A Humanities course
- ☐ A Language course

Environmental Professional Core

- ☐ **EVPC 100** Ecoliteracy (1cr)

3 CREDITS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (FROM THE LIST BELOW):

- ☐ **EVPC 201** Environmental Issues: Deforestation, Biodiversity Loss, and Overpopulation
- ☐ **EVPC 202** Environmental Issues: Energy, Water Scarcity, and Waste
- ☐ **EVPC 210** Environmental Issues: Ocean Acidification (1cr)
- ☐ **EVPC 211** Environmental Issues: Forever Chemicals (1cr)
- ☐ **EVPC 212** Environmental Issues: Light and Noise Pollution (1cr)
- ☐ **EVPC 213** Environmental Issues: Climate Refugee Crisis (1cr)

- ☐ **EVPC 301** Environmental Justice OR **EVPC 305** Building a Better World: Ethical Decision-Making
- ☐ **EVPC 401** Transformational Leadership
- ☐ **EVPC 490** Transdisciplinary Capstone

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DISTANCE EDUCATION

UNOFFICIAL BACCALAUREATE CHECKSHEET ANIMAL HEALTH & BEHAVIOR

Program Core

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- ☐ **ANIM 205** Animal Nutrition
- ☐ **ANIM 301** Animal Husbandry and Genetics
- ☐ **ANIM 302** Animal Comparative Anatomy
- ☐ **ANIM 304** Animal Comparative Physiology
- ☐ **ANIM 305** Animal Health and Disease
- ☐ **ANIM 307** Designing Captive Animal Environments
- ☐ **ANIM 401** Animal Care Technical Skills
- ☐ **BIOL 203** Ecological Principles: Applications to Conservation and Wildlife
- ☐ **BIOL 301** Animal Behavior: The Evolution, Ecology, and Social Behavior of Animals

General Electives

- ☐ 42 credits of general electives

University Wide Requirements

A minimum of 120 earned credit hours, 30 credits at the 300 level or above, a minimum of 30 credits earned at Unity, and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.



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66 credits will be met by a Second Degree Transfer Block.

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