Maddie's Certificate in Shelter Medicine



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3 Courses

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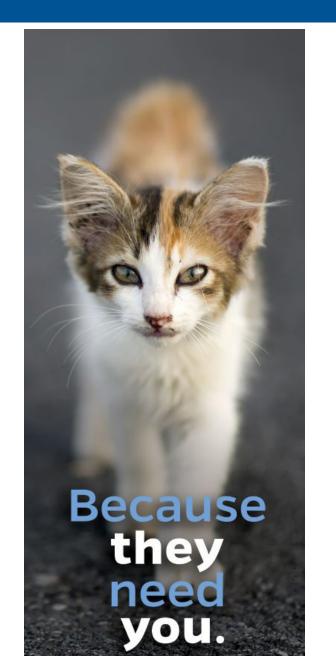
2 Externships



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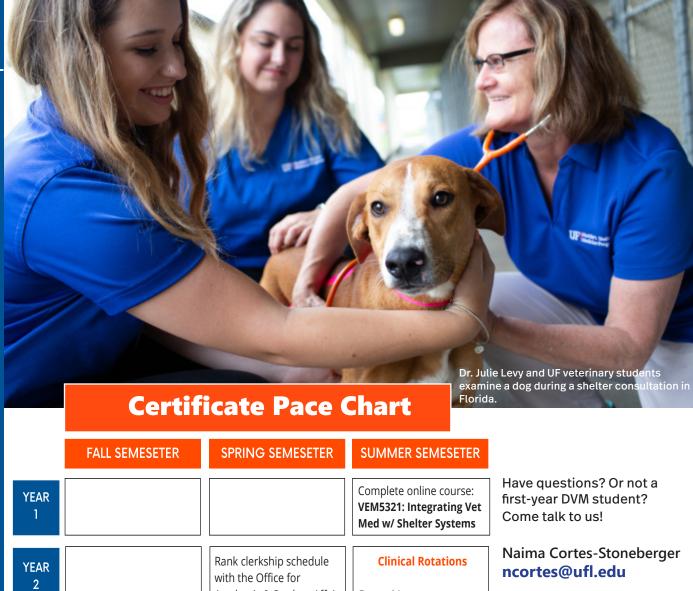
Shelter Medicine is a rapidly emerging area of veterinary practice that was recently elevated to specialty status by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. Shelters are one of the most common sources of new pets in the US, with approximately 6 million shelter dogs and cats needing homes each year.

The Certificate in Shelter Medicine prepares students for everything from being a dedicated shelter veterinarian, to a skilled surgeon, to a practitioner welcoming new pets into the family. Participants receive immersive hands-on learning opportunities to lead medical departments in animal shelters, care for shelter pets in a variety of career settings, and help families keep their pets.

Our 15-credit professional certificate requires completion of 3 online courses, 2 externships, and 1 clerkship, all included in your veterinary student block tuition. We also offer a spectrum of electives, travel stipends, and scholarships.

Our courses, externships, and clerkships cover:

- Medical practice in shelters
- Spay/neuter and advanced surgeries
- · Behavior, enrichment, and welfare
- Disaster response
- Disease outbreak intervention
- · Forensic medicine and cruelty investigation
- Shelter consultations
- Compassion fatigue strategies



Academic & Student Affairs

Externships

YEAR

Clinical Rotations

Externships

Complete online course: VEM5320: Shelter Animal **Behavior and Welfare**

Clinical Rotations

Complete Externships: VEM5892 - Shelter Med VEM5892 - Spay/Neuter

Second offering of VEM5321

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Complete online course: VEM5381: Shelter Animal **Physical Health**

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Externships