

## Maddie's Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine

### I. Certificate Goal

Students who complete the requirements of this Certificate during their pursuit of a DVM degree will be prepared to practice shelter medicine upon graduation.

### II. Contact Information

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### III. Certificate Goals

Students who complete the requirements for the Maddie's Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine will be able to:

1. Understand the critical role played by veterinarians in protecting the health and welfare of sheltered dogs and cats.
2. Recognize and respond to compromised behavioral health of sheltered animals.
3. Recognize and respond to compromised physical health of sheltered animals.
4. Develop skills in high-quality, high-volume surgical sterilization techniques.
5. Use the Association of Shelter Veterinarians 2010 *Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters* as a guide to best practices for Shelter Medicine.



#### IV. Certificate Course Requirements

Students earn 15 credit hours by successfully completing the following electives with a passing grade.

Complete details can be found in the student handbook on pages 49-51 by visiting this link:

<http://education.vetmed.ufl.edu/student-services/student-handbook-pdf/>

**3 Online Courses**

**2 Externships**

**1 Clerkship**

Course #	Course Title	Credits	When Offered
VEM 5321	Integrating Veterinary Medicine with Shelter Systems (Online)	3	Summer semester only; suggested enrollment between freshman and sophomore year
VEM 5320	Shelter Animal Behavior and Welfare (Online)	3	Spring semester only; suggested enrollment in junior spring semester
VEM 5381	Shelter Animal Physical Health (Online)	3	Fall semester only; suggested enrollment in senior fall semester
VEM 5892	Shelter Medicine Externship	2	Variable; usually in the summer between junior and senior year
VEM 5892	Spay/Neuter Externship	2	Variable; usually in the summer between junior and senior year
VEM 5890 OR VEM 5891	Shelter Practice Clerkship (5863) <b>OR</b> Veterinary Community Outreach Clerkship (5891)	2	5863: Fall Block J and Spring Block V (juniors and seniors) 5891: Year-round block for juniors and seniors on clinical rotations

**TOTAL = 15 credits**

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: NO PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO CERTIFICATE STUDENTS WHEN REQUESTING to enroll in VEM 5890 or VEM 5891 Clerkships. You must rank them # 1 when you register for clerkships.**

#### V. Assessments

Admission and retention in the certificate program requires good academic standing as defined by the College of Veterinary Medicine Academic Advancement Committee. Courses employ a variety of assessments to evaluate academic progress, such as: quizzes; exams; subjective evaluations of medical and surgical proficiency

in a clinical setting; attendance at lectures, discussions, and/or laboratories; papers; projects; participation in teaching rounds; and review of assigned readings.

## VI. Extracurricular Activities Expected for UF Veterinary Students

Beginning with 1<sup>st</sup> year, students interested in pursuing the Maddie's Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine are expected to:

Participate	Subscribe
Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV) <a href="http://www.shelternvet.org/join-or-renew">www.shelternvet.org/join-or-renew</a> Dues are \$10 per year.	Shelter Veterinarian Community Forums Login to ASV account at <a href="http://www.shelternvet.org">www.shelternvet.org</a> and click Member Center tab, then choose Community Forums
*UF Student Chapter of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (UFscASV). <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ufscasv">www.facebook.com/ufscasv</a>	ASPCapro "Shelter's Edge" blog <a href="http://www.aspcapro.org/blog">www.aspcapro.org/blog</a>
	Maddie's Institute "Chew on This" blog <a href="http://maddiesinstitute.typepad.com">maddiesinstitute.typepad.com</a>

\*Must remain in good standing (current on dues and actively participating)

Such experiences provide early exposure to the field of Shelter Medicine through wet labs, foster care opportunities, faculty mentoring, discussions of shelter medicine topics, field trips to shelters, and opportunities to meet with other students, residents, interns, and faculty who share an interest in Shelter Medicine.

## VII. Join the Maddie's Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine Track

Students interested in earning the Certificate in Shelter Medicine while they earn their DVM degree should join the shelter medicine track and meet with an advisor from the Maddie's® Shelter Medicine Program (see contact information above) to develop a plan for completing all requirements prior to graduation. In addition, students must remain in good academic standing.

## VIII. Apply to receive the Maddie's Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine

Students must apply to receive the Maddie's Professional Certificate in Shelter Medicine with UF Admissions during fall of their junior year.