

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE

ANIMAL SHELTER MANAGEMENT



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A more personal education



MEANINGFUL

WHAT

IS ANIMAL SHELTER
MANAGEMENT?

Shelters and rescues share a common purpose, improving the safety and quality of life for both animals and the public. They take a leadership role in building programs that are integrated with similar organizations and the larger community - developing views on pets, commitment, and population control. This can include educational programming or direct care, such as spay and neutering services. Most shelters share common goals of reuniting owners with lost pets, adopting unowned animals, and providing care for a vulnerable population.

Our program in Animal Shelter Management will prepare you to take a leadership role in your current institution, enhance your skills as a manager, or help you launch your own shelter or rescue organization. You'll learn how to establish effective protocols, develop community and outreach programs, recruit and retain staff & volunteers, and maximize the quality of life for the animals in your care.

A close-up photograph of a woman with brown hair tied back, wearing teal medical scrubs. She is smiling warmly and looking down at a small, fluffy puppy she is holding. The puppy has white fur with brown patches and floppy ears. The woman's hands, with red nail polish, are gently holding the puppy. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting.

PERSONAL

WHO

WORKS IN ANIMAL
SHELTERS?

Who hires animal shelter professionals? They may work for one of the 3,500 shelters and rescue organizations in the United States. Alternatively, they may work under the direct supervision of a veterinary organization, a wildlife rehabilitation facility, or a variety of other animal welfare organizations.

Sample positions include:

- Animal caretakers
- Shelter attendant
- Veterinary assistant or technician
- Veterinarian
- Farm account manager
- Sanctuary care manager
- Pet adoption specialist
- Kennel technician
- Shelter/rescue manager
- Animal trainer
- Manager of volunteer services
- Outreach coordinator
- Adoption manager
- Operations manager

The outlook for professionals working in animal care and service is excellent. Employment in these areas is expected to grow 15 percent over the next decade (source: US Department of Labor). Salaries vary greatly based on the specific field or employer.

*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook.

A close-up photograph of a woman with blonde hair, seen from the side, smiling and looking down at a brown dog. The dog is looking up at the camera with its tongue hanging out, appearing happy. The background shows a wire mesh cage, suggesting a kennel or veterinary setting.

FLEXIBLE

WHEN

CAN I START?

Now! Getting started is easy - you can apply online in minutes. Your academic advisor can help you plan your courses. Your certificate in Animal Shelter Management requires the completion of five online courses and 40 hours of relevant field experience. Most students finish their certificate in 6-12 months.

Academic Curriculum

The coursework is designed to provide you with a rigorous education in Animal Shelter Management, including the fundamentals of animal care, nutrition, disease, behavior, enrichment, and facility management. In addition, you'll complete an elective of your choice.

The four required courses for this certificate program are:

ABI 271 Canine Behavior & Enrichment*

ABI 272 Feline Behavior & Enrichment

ABI 315 Shelter Animal Health & Nutrition¹

**ABI 384 Starting & Managing a Successful
Animal Shelter**

*Must have access to a dog.

¹Either ABI 312 Canine Nutrition or ABI 313 Feline Nutrition may be substituted for ABI 315 Shelter Animal Nutrition.

You will also select one elective from the following:

ABI 117 Working With People & Animals

ABI 233 Animal Training⁺

ABI 234 Canine Training^{*}

ABI 235 Feline Training

ABI 254 Canine Aggression

*Must have access to a dog.

+Must have access to an animal.

Field Requirement

We believe that academic training must be accompanied by real world experience to be truly effective. During your time as a student, you will complete a field requirement consisting of 40 hours of hands-on experience as an employee, intern or volunteer at an approved institution of your choice. One of the strengths of our program is that students are able to choose where they would like to complete their fieldwork; the facility is not assigned.

The field requirement only needs to be completed once to satisfy both the combined Animal Shelter Management and Canine Training & Behavior certificates, as long as the experience includes working with dogs. Similarly, your field experience can be used to satisfy both the combined Animal Shelter Management and Feline Training & Behavior certificates, as long as the experience includes working with cats.



EXCEPTIONAL

WHY

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR
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Widespread Recognition & Acceptance

You can be confident about pursuing your education with the Animal Behavior Institute. We are licensed by the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges* and accredited by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). As a result of this Accredited Provider status, the Animal Behavior Institute is able to offer IACET CEU credits. These credits are accepted by hundreds of professional associations. Credit from our courses can also be applied to meet the continuing education requirements of many educational institutions, including public and private schools.

In addition, individual courses are accepted directly for CEU credit by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers. Please see our website at www.animaledu.com for a complete listing of our educational partners. Upon graduation, students may begin using the designation CASMP, Certified Animal Shelter Management Professional.

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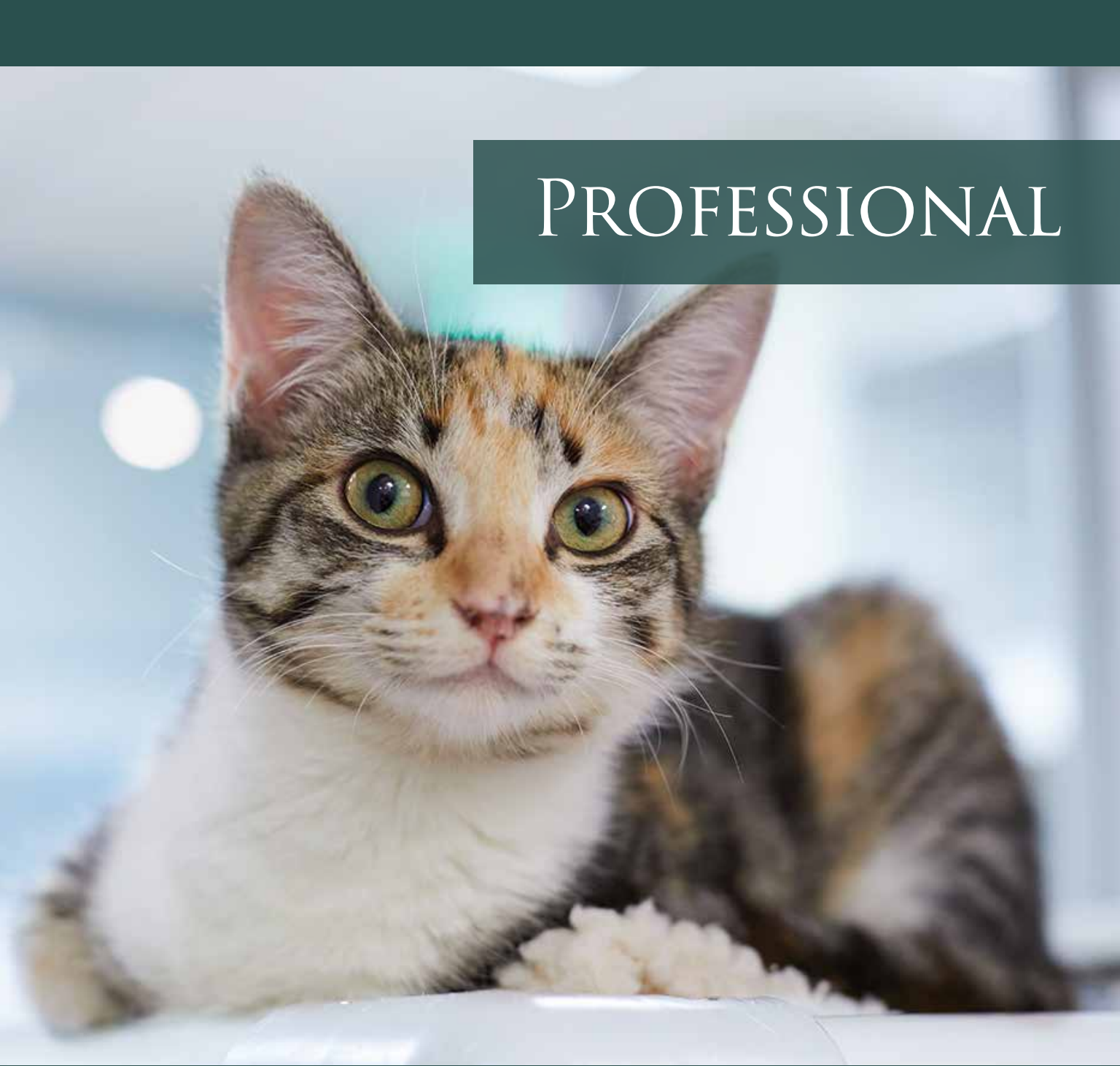
Personal Support.

We'll provide you with close personal support from the day you begin until well after you've finished your program. When you enroll at the Animal Behavior Institute, your academic advisor will help you plan your individual program and answer any questions that arise along the way. Students have the freedom to choose how many classes to take each semester, when to take them and how to pay for them. And our flexible interest free financing makes any program affordable. Students can choose to finance a single course or their entire program – it's up to you.

As an alumnus, you'll have access to the same resources you've come to enjoy as a student. This includes access to job and internship listings, advising and assistance with resumes and cover letters. We're with you before and after you graduate.

Our Approach

All courses at the Animal Behavior Institute share a common core, building a strong foundation and then applying that core to problem solving. The highlight of each week is a student-centered discussion; students work collectively to solve real world problems and case studies. Our approach helps build a strong rapport between each individual, their student colleagues, and the faculty. Small class sizes ensure that you'll know your instructors and receive the personal education you deserve.



PROFESSIONAL

WHAT

IS UNIQUE ABOUT
OUR FACULTY?

An academic institution is only as strong as their faculty and ours are outstanding. Our faculty are selected on the basis of their education, experience, and passion for teaching. We'd like to introduce you to two of the instructors in our Animal Shelter Management program.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



PROFESSOR CHERIE BEATTIE

Professor of Behavior
& Training

Professor Beattie is a former college faculty member that has been teaching at the Animal Behavior Institute for over a decade. She has served as the Behavior Manager for the humane society, where she also managed staff, trained volunteers, and instituted a formal temperament testing program, working to make “problem dogs” more adoptable.

Professor Beattie currently specializes in treating canine aggression, working to overcome one of the most common behavioral problems that can lead to euthanasia. She has also been an evaluator for the pet therapy organization, WAGS (Wonderful Animals Giving Support) and has recently joined Pets for Vets as a trainer to help match veterans with companion or service animals.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



PROFESSOR CHRISTINE HOUGHTON

Professor of Health & Nutrition

Professor Houghton brings a wealth of experience to our program. She is currently an Associate Professor at Bristol Community College, where she created a new program in Animal Care. Professor Houghton previously spent seven years as the department head and an instructor in the Animal Care & Management program at Alamance Community College, where she specialized in husbandry and nutrition. She has presented her academic research to colleagues at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the American Society of Animal Science, and the Comparative Nutrition Society. Professor Houghton has worked with shelters in multiple capacities. She has taught shelter staff general husbandry, temperament testing, enrichment, basic obedience testing, handling & restraint, shelter zoonotic protocols, diagnostics, and treatment in addition to wellness prophylactic vaccinations and quarantine room care.

Visit us at www.animaledu.com for a complete list of instructors and their qualifications.

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