Education
The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine — one of six colleges at UF Health — is committed to excellence in teaching, research and patient care. From 2000 to 2021 our college’s D.V.M. graduates have consistently ranked above the national average on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination. Many of our D.V.M. graduates continue their education through internships at accredited veterinary institutions or private practices, and many go on to pursue residencies as well. Last year, we reviewed a record 1,779 applicants for 130 seats in the class, and our admissions committee conducted 275 Zoom interviews. We currently offer special interest certificate programs in Aquatic Animal Health, Veterinary Business Management, Food Animal Veterinary Medicine and Shelter Medicine.
A state-of-the-art clinical skills laboratory provides dedicated space for veterinary students to enhance their training in clinical and technical skills. We also offer a dual D.V.M./M.P.H. degree program. Our faculty, who are housed in five academic departments, pursue both clinical and basic science research interests. Clinical and research collaborations exist between our college and other health-related colleges through the UF Emerging Pathogens Institute and the UF Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology, as well as with governmental agencies. Our strong extension outreach program allows us to work closely with a variety of agricultural industry groups.

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6 degree programs

455 D.V.M. students

51 M.S. / Ph.D. students

465 distance education/online M.S. students

67 residents 20 interns

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Research
The UF College of Veterinary Medicine is a major leader in the neurophysiology of breathing, toxicology, immunology and infectious diseases research. Our programs investigate emerging and exotic infectious diseases of livestock, pets and wildlife. Our Aquatic Animal Health program remains one of the most broadly based of any veterinary college worldwide. In addition, the college’s Center for Environmental and Human Toxicology is a leader in aquatic toxicology, with a major strength in nanotoxicology. The college is also internationally recognized for its world-class basic science research in mucosal immunology, traumatic neural injury, vaccine development, malarial research and neurogenesis of airway defensive behaviors, much of it conducted in collaboration with UF Health and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Our researchers are actively engaged in COVID-19 studies that target the efficacy of approved drugs in disease treatment and prevention, evaluate the effect of genetic variations in human leukocyte antigens in disease severity, and focus on harnessing genome editing for drug discovery. Currently, most funding support is provided through competitive grants from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Patient Care
The UF Veterinary Hospitals are a major veterinary referral center. Last year, 47,349 animals were treated through our main hospitals, with another 8,895 treated in Ocala at UF Pet Emergency Treatment Services. An additional 40,725 animals were seen during field visits. The overall caseload seen at all of our practices continues to increase. Our small animal caseload, including the satellite practice in Ocala, is now the second highest in the nation among academic veterinary hospitals. Patients seen in our small and large animal hospitals are referred by veterinarians throughout the state. Routine wellness and outpatient medicine care is also available. We have leveraged our robust caseload to lead discoveries in clinical trials for cancer therapies, skin allergies and heart disease, many of which are providing preclinical data for human clinical trials at UF Health.

Extension
Our veterinary extension team plays a vital role in education, research and training with many important animal industry groups in Florida. Their primary mission is to support local animal industries, but our expertise and skill in animal health, disease, production and welfare are recognized nationally and internationally. Our veterinarians directly support the cattle industry, both beef and dairy; small ruminant producers (goats and sheep); horse owners; poultry producers; deer farmers and our state’s growing aquaculture sector, as well as provide outreach to pets in animal shelters. The Veterinary Community Outreach Program provides spay/neuter and other veterinary services to local shelters and offers a pet wellness clinic to senior citizens and underserved pets in partnership with ElderCare of Alachua County services.