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By the Numbers

- D.V.M. Students: 597
- Graduate Students: 165
- Living DVM Alumni: 5,594
- Faculty: 155 (78 board-certified specialists)
- Degrees Awarded: D.V.M., M.S., Ph.D.
- Our alumni serve in all 50 states and 12 countries
  > 70 percent (2018) of Iowa’s practicing licensed veterinarians are graduates of the college

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> Cases from the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Diagnostic Services serve as important learning opportunities for our professional and graduate students.

> The college’s surgery, anesthesia and community outreach course helps third-year students gain surgical and preventive medicine training.

> 48 student clubs and organizations provide wet labs and hands-on experiences that help prepare students for their work after graduation.

> Just over half of our students choose to track in large- or mixed-animal medicine.

> Students can travel abroad with college faculty during two-week international programs in the summer.

> Nearly 15% of our professional students gain research experience each summer.

> Students become practice-ready through hands-on experience at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center, Iowa Veterinary Specialties, Swine Medicine Education Center, Blank Park Zoo, Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center, Field Services Unit, a surgery mentorship program and more.

Research

> College researchers have led the field in developing new diagnostic tools for livestock diseases, vaccines for circovirus in pigs; identifying emerging diseases like the first case of H1N1 influenza in cats, improving delivery methods for medications and solving some of humankind’s most vexing diseases, such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, and AIDS; and developing interventions to improve food safety and security.

> College researchers are significantly engaged in the One Health initiative.

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- Provide leadership to Iowa State University’s Integrative and Innovative Health Initiative
- Have approximately one-third of the National Institutes of Health funding at Iowa State University and are leaders among U.S. veterinary colleges in USDA funding

> The Summer Scholar Research Program introduces veterinary students to research. They are paired with an established researcher during the summer.

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