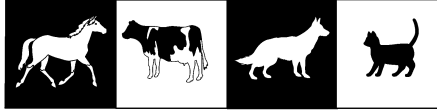


Applied Animal Science



Thompson School, UNH

Diploma Program in Pet Grooming

University of New Hampshire
Thompson School of Applied Science
Applied Animal Science Curriculum

The Thompson School has developed a program leading to a *Diploma in Pet Grooming*. This day-program is available to high school graduates who will enroll through Continuing Education at UNH. It is also available to UNH or Thompson School Students who are not enrolled in the Small Animal Care Program at the Thompson School.

The Thompson School is well known for its strong career-oriented programs which provide a combination of academic and practical hands-on education. This *Pet Grooming Diploma* program is a subset of college courses that prepare individuals for a career in Pet Grooming by providing not only grooming skills but additional knowledge and skills in small animal care, first aid, breeds, behavior, business and management skills. Students taking the program will be in the in the same classes as the Applied Animal Science, Small Animal Care students and must meet the same course requirements as those college students. Students completing this program will be valuable employees for the boarding and grooming industry and, after gaining further on-the-job skills, would be qualified to operate and/or own a grooming business.

If a diploma student is later accepted for admission to the Thompson School Applied Animal Science Curriculum, credits earned in the Diploma Program are transferable.

Diploma Requirements

The Diploma Program consists of 18 credit hours of college classes taken in the Thompson School Applied Animal Science Curriculum.

Required courses consist of:

AAS 222 Small Animal Grooming I	2 credits
AAS 233 Small Animal Grooming II	2 credits
AAS 230 Small Animal Breeds and Behavior	4 credits
AAS 246 Animal Business Applications	4 credits
AAS 224 Small Animal Management	4 credits
AAS 249 Small Animal Care Techniques	2 credits

A Diploma in Pet Grooming will be awarded by the Thompson School upon successful completion of the required courses with a grade of C- or better in every class and an overall grade average of C or better. A permanent academic record of courses completed at UNH will be maintained at the

Registrar's Office.

If the student taking the diploma classes is a UNH student, those classes will be on their academic transcript and will be taken as electives in whatever program they are enrolled in.

Acceptance Requirements

This program is designed for high school graduates or professionals in other fields wishing a career change and who wish to work as pet groomers or kennel technicians with a possible goal of one day having their own business. Acceptance application is made to the Thompson School Small Animal Care Program. Transfer credits from other institutions should be discussed with the Small Animal Care Curriculum Coordinator. Each student, once accepted into the program, will have a faculty advisor for the Diploma Program.

Application Procedures:

1. Students must apply for the **Grooming Diploma Program** prior to the completion of their second course. Students can be enrolled in these courses while they are submitting their application for acceptance into the Diploma Program.
2. Students must complete and return the attached **application form** with a \$25 non-refundable application fee. Their **official transcripts** from high school, GED Equivalency, and college programs must be sent to the Thompson School Applied Animal Science Curriculum at UNH (address below).
3. An appointment for academic advising with the Small Animal Care Curriculum Coordinator is strongly suggested before completing the application. Jerilee A. Zezula, D.V.M., 603-862-1014; jerilee.zezula@unh.edu.

Transfer Credits

Because of the few courses required for the diploma, normally only one course will be accepted in transfer from other colleges. This course must be similar in content to a required diploma course, must be a 2-4 credit course, and must have been completed with a C (2.00) or better grade. Students believing they have courses which might be transferable should discuss this with the Small Animal Care Curriculum Coordinator.

For more information, contact the Thompson School Applied Animal Science Curriculum, 291 Mast Road, Durham, NH 03824-3562 at 603-862-1025 or jerilee.zezula@unh.edu

List of Required Courses:

- AAS 222 Small Animal Grooming I**
Introduction to pet grooming. Course covers techniques and styles of grooming, clipping, trimming, and bathing of common breeds of dogs and cats. Students perform basic grooming in lab period. (Special fee \$15)
1 lecture/1 lab/ 2 credits (14 weeks) Offered Fall and Spring (Also offered in the summer with adequate enrollment. Summer class is 8 weeks and requires an additional summer fee.)
- AAS 233 Small Animal Grooming II**
Continuation of AAS 222 Small Animal Grooming I. Student is assigned more complex breeds to groom and develops more proficiency in scissoring, hand stripping and clipping. Must have taken AAS 222. (Special fee \$15) 2 lab/2 credits
- AAS 230 Small Animal Breeds and Behavior**
Overview of the development, selection, genetics and functions of specific breeds of companion animals. General dog and cat, as well a breed-specific behavior is included.
2 lectures/ 1 lab 4 credits (14 weeks) Offered Fall
- AAS 246 Animal Business Applications**
Survey of the various elements of managing an animal and/or agricultural operation regardless of commodity. Topics include: financial statements, credits and interest, insurance considerations, labor arrangement, marketing, promotions, advertising, and sales.
4 lectures/ 4 credits (14 weeks) Offered Fall
- AAS 224 Small Animal Management**
Organization, care, facilities design, and general management of small businesses dealing with companion animals and their owners.
3 lecture/1 lab 4 credits (14 weeks) Offered Spring
- AAS 249 Small Animal Care Techniques**
Essential skills and basic background knowledge for the day-to-day care of dogs and cats in a small animal enterprise.
1 lecture/1 lab/2 credits (14 weeks) Offered Spring

Sequence of Courses

It is possible to complete the Diploma Program in two academic semesters. Students may choose, through preference or circumstance, to take two or more years to complete the requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Grooming Diploma Program

1. How much does it cost?

If you are coming in as a part-time student, each class is paid for by the credit. There is a fee for in-state students and a higher fee for out of state students. Classes are either 2 or 4 credits each. In addition to the per credit fee, there is also a technology fee related to the number of credits you are taking. Also each semester you enroll, there is a Registration fee paid to UNH Continuing Education. If you complete the program in 2 semesters, this fee is only paid twice. If you spread out your classes over more semesters, you will pay additional registration fees. The only course fee is \$15 each for each grooming class. This is to cover wear and tear on the equipment. The final costs to an individual are, therefore, variable.

The fees change yearly and are usually posted mid July on the Continuing Education website.

If you are enrolled as a UNH student, classes are covered by your tuition. If you are not an Applied Animal Science student, you will be required to pay the \$15 AAS 222 and AAS 233 (Grooming I & II) course fee.

2. How long does the program take?

The program takes as little as 2 semesters (9 months) to several years depending on an individual's time availability and financial resources.

3. Do you offer classes evenings and weekends?

At the present time, we do not have the resources to offer evening and weekend classes.

4. Do I need to provide my own equipment?

The program provides all the equipment you will need in AAS 222 Grooming I. This gives you a chance to "try before you buy" so that when you are ready to buy your own equipment, you know that you need and like. We even provide the grooming smocks! We strongly encourage you to buy professional scissors for AAS 233 Grooming II which we can provide.

5. Does UNH provide financial Aid for this program?

This program does not qualify for financial aid through UNH as a non-matriculated program. You may be able to locate outside sources of aid in vocational or job retraining areas.

6. How does it compare to grooming schools and apprentice programs?

Most grooming schools and apprentice programs take less time and are full time for a period of weeks. This may be desirable to you. You may or may not get more hands-on at a grooming school depending on its length and location.

Usually for these programs, you will need to pay a complete fee up front rather than pay as –you-go by the credit.

Most grooming schools require that you provide your own basic equipment.

The costs of grooming schools are quite variable and you would need to check each individually in order to compare to ours.

Grooming school credits are not transferable to university programs. Our credits may be.

Our program also offers a more comprehensive course content than most Grooming Schools. In our program, you are taught and practice first aid, learn about nutrition, training, behavior genetics and health care of dogs and cats and more. Students will also be involved with management of the shop, making appointments, dealing with customers and using a computer – based management system.

7. Do groomers need to be licensed?

Groomers are not licensed in NH or in other NE states. Grooming shops may be open to inspection in some states and there may be some generic business licenses required.

If pesticide products are used on pets, a groomer will need a state pesticide applicators license.

Because of the lack of regulations, many groomers are self taught. Many consumers are looking for groomers with professional training.

8. Do you do job placement?

We do not do placements, but do have a job board where businesses looking for groomers advertise. UNH also has a way for employers to advertise jobs and TSAS is encouraging those with grooming positions to advertise there.

9. How do I enroll in the classes?

As an external, part-time student, when you are ready to take a class, you enroll and pay through the UNH Continuing Education www.learn.unh.edu . Enrollment for fall begins in August; for Spring, in December; for summer, in April.

10. What about parking on campus?

You can do metered parking at the Visitor's Center at \$1.00 per hour (the machine takes quarters) or you can purchase a commuter permit. You will need proof of enrollment for this. UNH is very strict about parking and has some hefty fines! See <http://www.unh.edu/transportation/parking/index.htm>

11. Do I need any particular qualifications to enroll in the program?

Pet grooming is a very physical job. It requires a lot of stooping, bending and lifting, and moving objects – live and wiggling dogs and cats! While there are many tools and equipment that can help, a successful groomer needs to be physically fit.

A successful groomer also needs to be able to multitask i.e. use clippers, scissors, trimmers while safely and humanely restraining and talking to nervous animals.

All students need to have a high school diploma before enrolling and need to be able to handle college-level academic work.

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Application for Acceptance

Return this form with your \$25 application fee (checks payable to UNH) to: Diploma Program in Pet Grooming, Thompson School of Applied Science, 291 Mast Rd., Durham, NH 03824. You must also arrange for your high school or GED and any college transcripts to be sent to us at the same address.

Name: _____ SS# _____
 Last First Middle

Day phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Education:

	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree/Diploma</u>
High School		
College		
Other		

Work Experience: (Start with current or most recent)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Position/Duties</u>

Reason for interest in the program and your previous animal related background: (Please continue on back or attach a sheet.)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____