

Dr. Joanne Hewson (she/her) earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in 1996, completed a large animal internship at the Atlantic Veterinary College in 1997, and subsequently returned to the Ontario Veterinary College for residency training. She became Board-certified in Large Animal Internal Medicine with the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2001 and received a PhD from the University of Guelph in 2004, focused on the effects of antibiotics and steroids on cattle respiratory health.

Dr. Hewson has been a faculty member in the Department of Clinical Studies since 2003, and over the past two decades has held lead roles in shaping veterinary education at OVC, coordinating and redesigning DVM Program courses and rotations, and leading curricular reforms that emphasize competency-based assessment and student resilience. With a career focus on veterinary education, she has completed multiple local, national and international courses related to teaching in higher education and has served in a teaching mentorship role within the college and the university.

Dr. Hewson has supervised or served on the advisory committees for 20 graduate students at all levels of advanced degrees. In research, Dr. Hewson has secured over \$200,000 CAD in funding as principal investigator and collaborator. Her scholarly output includes author or co-authorship on 38 peer-reviewed publications, as well as invited presentations at national and international conferences on topics spanning respiratory disease in cattle and horses, veterinary well-being, diagnostic innovation, and scholarship of teaching and learning.

Dr. Hewson has held longstanding leadership roles, including Service Chief of the Large Animal Internal Medicine section for multiple years, and has contributed extensively to national examination boards, board certification credentialing, and research funding assessments.

Dr. Hewson currently serves as Associate Dean, Students & Academic at the Ontario Veterinary College, and in this role chairs and serves on key committees related to curriculum, admissions, and academic review. Most recently, Dr. Hewson served as Acting Dean of OVC from November 2024 to March 2025. She has played a pivotal role in securing government, industry and philanthropic support for several key initiatives at the OVC. Dr. Hewson has led the OVC through significant challenging events of high impact to the college community, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, accreditation issues, the 2025 OVC flood, and recent college budget restructuring. Dr. Hewson tirelessly advocates for curricular advancement, experiential learning, student experience, accessibility, inclusivity, and a positive workplace environment.