

**WHO:** B-PIKE is perfect for students who will be in their first, second or third year of veterinary college in the fall. Initially, enrollment is limited to veterinary students, but will be expanded to include graduate students in related fields such as animal science or ag business in future years.

**WHEN:** The program begins in May and ends in July.

**WHERE:** The beef experience will be centered at the Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center in Clay Center, Nebraska.

**WHAT:** The 10-week program will consist of rotations through one of three large commercial feedyards, the GPVEC facility, and beef-centered veterinary practices.

**COMPENSATION:** Food, travel stipends and housing are provided.

**HOW:** Applications can be picked up in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (Rm. 2270, Veterinary Medicine).

Return applications to:  
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## HURRY!

**Class size is limited to 6 students for the first year.** It's anticipated that class size will be increased in subsequent years.

## Explore Your Opportunities with B-PIKE

### Participating Feedyards:

- Gottsch Cattle Company
- Red Cloud, Nebraska
  - Juniata, Nebraska
- Mid American Feed Yard
- Ohiowa, Nebraska

### Consulting Veterinarians:

- Del Miles, DVM, MS
- Greeley, Colorado
- Jess Hindrichs, DVM
- Sutton, Nebraska
- Dave Rethorst, DVM
- Red Cloud, Nebraska

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# B-PIKE

## Beef Production Immersive Knowledge Experience



**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
College of Veterinary Medicine

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*...a unique and productive  
way to spend the summer,  
from the College of  
Veterinary Medicine at  
Iowa State University*

If you are interested in mixed animal, food animal, or beef-focused veterinary practice, or are interested in exploring your options, consider the B-PIKE summer program. B-PIKE is an opportunity to gain practical, **hands-on experience** and an inside look at production animal medicine.

The findings from multiple national surveys indicate the demand for food supply veterinarians will continue to grow well into the future. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association estimates that the state of Iowa alone will need 25 new food supply veterinarians each year for its growing livestock industry. And, production experience will be invaluable for those veterinarians who want to work in the beef industry.

**WHAT:** A 10-week, hands-on summer experience that immerses you in feedlot production systems and associated agribusinesses.

- **Live** in a learning community environment with other program participants. Work together on **on-line courses**. Develop an electronic portfolio of your experiences to demonstrate value to employers.
- **Participate** in lectures, seminars and discussions covering selected topics on beef production led by content experts from the industry, academia and government.
- **Work** in different areas of the production systems, including:
  - Receiving of new cattle
  - Identification of sick calves
  - Processing protocols
  - Hospital management
  - Feed mill operation
  - Feeding and feed bunk management
  - Necropsy evaluation
  - Environmental and business management

This type of **experience is highly valued** by future employers and will be invaluable in your veterinary medicine education.

