

Mrs. Hamilton graduated from the State University of New York Cobleskill where she received her B.T. in Agricultural Business Management in 2011. During her time at Cobleskill, Mrs. Hamilton studied many subjects including agricultural sales and marketing, agricultural politics, agricultural economics, animal science, biology and floriculture and soil science. As a freshman in college, Mrs. Hamilton's Floriculture Career Development Event team placed 4th at the National FFA Convention. She also served as a Resident Assistant (RA), officer of the drama club and RA Council, and was an active member in the Post-Secondary Agriculture Club.

Mrs. Hamilton earned her M.A. in Curriculum Instruction with a certification in Agricultural Education from the University of Connecticut in 2014. In-between receiving her Bachelor's degree and attaining her Master's degree, Mrs. Hamilton taught as a long term substitute in the Agricultural department at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. The courses she instructed included Natural Resources, Biotechnology, Aquaculture, and Into to Agriculture. Mrs. Hamilton also dedicated time to the Housatonic Valley FFA by volunteering as a District Public Speaking CDE Judge, an Agribusiness CDE and Public Speaking CDE coach, and as a chaperone at numerous FFA events.

After her time as a long term substitute, Mrs. Hamilton worked as a veterinary assistant in New York State for 2 years. While there her responsibilities included assisting during animal examinations, giving animal care, filling prescriptions, maintaining the office's website and social media outlets, and improving client education.