

VT 101 : INTRO TO VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Transcript title

Intro to Veterinary Technician

Credits

3

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

30

Lecture hours

30

Prerequisites

BI 101 or BI 211 or BI 221; CH 104 or CH 221; MTH 095, or MTH 111 (or higher) or minimum placement Math Level 18; WR 121; and COMM 218; instructor approval based on admission into the veterinary technician program.

Corequisites

VT 102, VT 103, VT 117.

Course Description

Introduces the role of the veterinary technician within the veterinary health care team, career opportunities for veterinary technicians, the history of veterinary medicine, ethics, common small animal breeds and effective communication techniques within the veterinary teams and with clientele.

Course learning outcomes

1. Summarize the role of the veterinary technician within the veterinary health care team.
2. Explain the history, legal issues and ethics of veterinary medicine.
3. Identify career opportunities within the broad field of the veterinary technician profession.
4. Demonstrate effective communication techniques with veterinary team members and with clients.
5. Explain common safety issues and protocols in veterinary medicine.
6. Provide examples of professional conduct in the workplace.
7. Identify common small animal breeds and common health problems associated with individual breeds.
8. Explain how to apply crisis intervention/grief management skills with clients.

Content outline

1. Veterinary Technicians as Vital Team Members
2. Understanding the Education and Credentialing Requirements for CVT's
3. Lifelong Learning and Professional Organizations
4. Veterinary Team Members
5. Practice Design/Veterinary Facilities

6. Laws and Ethics
7. Safety in the Veterinary Practice
8. Zoonotic Diseases
9. Canines
10. Felines
11. Team Leadership
12. Geriatric and Hospice Care
13. Human Animal Bond
14. Bereavement and Euthanasia
15. Burnout and Compassion Fatigue

Required materials

Required textbook.