

VETT 106

Introduction to Veterinary Technology

2 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County
Common Course Outline

Description

VETT 106 – Introduction to Veterinary Technology: provides an overview of the veterinary profession and the roles of the veterinary healthcare team members. Legal and ethical issues related to the veterinary industry are discussed. Topics include the use of veterinary medical terminology, communications in veterinary practice, and professionalism. The priority of patient healthcare is emphasized and an introduction to species and breed-specific diseases and treatments is provided.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. describe educational requirements for the members of the veterinary healthcare team;
2. differentiate the roles of veterinary assistants, credentialed veterinary technicians and technologists, and veterinarians;
3. describe specialization (board-certification) for credentialed veterinary technicians;
4. describe professional organizations that support the veterinary healthcare team as a whole and in their specific roles;
5. discuss legal, ethical issues and guidelines relevant to the veterinary profession;
6. describe general categories of laws relevant to the veterinary profession;
7. define laws protecting veterinary employees against physical injury, sexual harassment, and discrimination;
8. define laws regulating occupational health safety in veterinary practice;
9. discuss aspects of effective and professional communication in the veterinary setting;
10. utilize medical terminology;
11. discuss the human-animal bond;
12. describe normal and abnormal parameters, including behavior, of domestic and companion animal species; and
13. describe common diseases including zoonoses, treatments, and preventions of domestic and companion animal species.

Major Topics

- I. History of veterinary technology
- II. Career opportunities for credentialed veterinary technicians
- III. Types of veterinary practices, including general (small animal, exotics), specialty, emergency, large animal, zoo, aquarium, lab, research, shelter, wildlife
- IV. Laws and ethics, including legal limitations for credentialed veterinary technicians
- V. Professional requirements and roles of veterinary healthcare team members
- VI. Challenges of the profession

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- VII. Introduction to veterinary practice management, including medical records as legal documents and doctor-client-patient relationship
- VIII. Client communication and education
- IX. Introduction to domestic and common animal species and breeds, including normal and abnormal presentations
- X. Animal husbandry, nutrition, preventative medicine, diseases, and treatment

Course Requirements

Grading will be determined by the individual faculty member, but shall include the following, at minimum:

- Two examinations
- Two quizzes

Written assignments and research projects: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources in their research and cite sources according to the most current APA format.

Other Course Information

This course is a prerequisite for admission to the Veterinary Technology Program. Course substitutions may be possible in certain situations. Please contact the School of Health Professions Selective Admissions office for information (shpseat@ccbcmd.edu).

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