

VETT 274

Internship: Veterinary Technology

4 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County

Common Course Outline

Description

VETT 274 – Internship: Veterinary Technology: is a capstone course that utilizes the learned veterinary technology principles and procedures in an actual job setting. Students are under the direct supervision of a credentialed veterinary technician, preferred, or veterinarian, and are acquainted with occupational responsibilities through realistic work situations. Sites include general practice, specialty, emergency and critical care, veterinary teaching hospitals, shelters, large animal, zoos, etc. Topics include but are not limited to veterinary hospital management and procedures, client education and communication, pharmacy and pharmacology, nursing care, anesthesia monitoring, surgical nursing, laboratory procedures, and imaging. The occupation-based instruction is implemented using individualized training plans, completion of AVMA CVTEA essential skills, and performance evaluation. 240 practicum hours are completed.

Pre-requisite(s): VETT 208, VETT 209, VETT 222, VETT 223

Co-requisite(s): VETT 204, VETT 210

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. perform practical veterinary technician skills in general practice, emergency, large animal, lab animal and exotics, specialty, and other settings;
2. perform appropriate physical examination and safe animal handling skills;
3. demonstrate problem-solving skills in relationship to the use of appropriate diagnostic procedures;
4. evaluate treatment plans, patient care, and diagnostic procedures;
5. perform anesthesia and pain management skills in a practice surgical setting;
6. perform medical, surgical and dental procedures;
7. demonstrate emergency and critical care patient management skills;
8. demonstrate professional teamwork and communication to support the function of the healthcare team;
9. demonstrate professionalism by being reliable, thorough, punctual, maintaining a professional appearance, being courteous and service-oriented toward clients, demonstrating a positive working relationship with mentors, supervisors, colleagues and staff; and
10. demonstrate ethical conduct, sensitivity to the needs of the patients and clients, effective self-management, and emotional stability.

Major Topics

- I. Veterinary Technology Student Essential and Recommended Skills List

The Common Course Outline (CCO) determines the essential nature of each course.

For more information, see your professor's syllabus.

- II. Veterinary hospital management, client communication, laws, ethics
- III. Veterinary pharmacy and pharmacology, medication administration, dispensing
- IV. Veterinary nursing care including patient assessment, patient care
- V. Veterinary anesthesia including patient management, equipment, and facility management
- VI. Veterinary surgical nursing including knowledge of routine surgical procedures, patient management, procedural management
- VII. Veterinary clinical laboratory procedures including sample collection, sample management, and sample analysis
- VIII. Large animal medicine, surgery and procedures
- IX. Laboratory animal medicine and procedures
- X. Avian, exotic, and small mammal medicine and procedures

Course Requirements

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

- Completion of 240 practicum hours as outlined in the VETT 274: Internship syllabus, and following the AVMA CVTEA guidelines
- Completion of all requested internship documents
- Meeting expectations of professional conduct at all internship sites

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