

V T 51B: CURRENT TOPICS IN VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY II

Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Units:	1
Hours:	12 lecture per quarter (12 total per quarter) This is a 6 week course - 2 hours lecture per week.
Advisory:	Not open to students with credit in V T 50B.
Degree & Credit Status:	Degree-Applicable Credit Course
Foothill GE:	Non-GE
Transferable:	CSU
Grade Type:	Letter Grade Only
Repeatability:	Not Repeatable
Formerly:	V T 50B

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students evaluate how the information presented may help them broaden their scope of practice as a veterinary nurse.
- Reflect upon and evaluate the value of the topical information presented and discuss the relevance and relationship to the Veterinary Technology Core Curriculum.
- Identify, appraise, and articulate the broad scope of career opportunities obtainable in the veterinary field.

Description

Provides enrichment of the core curriculum of the Veterinary Technology Program. Presenters will include veterinarians, veterinary specialists, veterinary technicians, animal care management professionals, and educators. Lectures, lecture-demonstrations, multimedia presentations, and live demonstrations, by professionals in veterinary medicine. Content consists of relevant topics related to concurrent coursework. Presenters or topics are in a specialty that will help to introduce or develop interest in that specialty. Intended for students in the Veterinary Technology Program; enrollment is limited to students accepted in the program.

Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

- Recognize, consider, and evaluate the various career opportunities available to them in the veterinary field
- Discuss a variety of topics relevant to specialties in veterinary technology
- Expand on specific, detailed subjects found within the curriculum by attending continuing education lectures on a variety of topics
- Meet and network with local, regional, and national veterinary colleagues, animal health care professionals and specialists

Course Content

- Recognize, consider, and evaluate the various career opportunities available in the veterinary field
 - Understand the difference between societies and specialties for veterinary technicians

- Recognize the state and national association roles for veterinary technicians
- Understand the process for obtaining a veterinary technician specialty
- Introduction to a variety of pertinent topics not covered elsewhere in the veterinary technology curriculum
 - Collaborate with veterinary specialists to create an understanding of their role in the field
 - Understand innovative positions in the veterinary medical field
- Compliment current areas of study and expand on details through experts in that focus
 - Discuss further the focuses of interest with specialists outside the scope of regular classwork
- Meet and network with local and regional veterinary colleagues, animal health care professionals and specialists
 - Network with fellow colleagues in the field of veterinary medicine
 - Learn more about roles of veterinary technicians at local clinics

Lab Content

Not applicable.

Special Facilities and/or Equipment

- Classroom equipped with multimedia presentation and projection capabilities.
- Computers with internet access.

Method(s) of Evaluation

Methods of Evaluation may include but are not limited to the following:

- Summary paper based on articles or websites related to that topic
- Participation in group discussions
- Questions based on the topic presented

Method(s) of Instruction

Methods of Instruction may include but are not limited to the following:

- Lecture
- Discussion
- Demonstration

Representative Text(s) and Other Materials

No required textbook. Materials provided by the instructor and presenter(s); online resources.

Types and/or Examples of Required Reading, Writing, and Outside of Class Assignments

- Reading assignments from online sources, class handouts, and other various sources, ranging from 15-30 pages per week.
- Written short answer essay questions and take home assignments.

Discipline(s)

Registered Veterinary Technician