

# V T 53A: VETERINARY MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

## Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Summer 2025
Units:	2
Hours:	2 lecture per week (24 total per quarter)
Advisory:	Not open to students with credit in APAV 53A.
Degree & Credit Status:	Degree-Applicable Credit Course
Foothill GE:	Non-GE
Transferable:	CSU
Grade Type:	Letter Grade Only
Repeatability:	Not Repeatable

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Acquire a fundamental veterinary medical vocabulary and apply to speaking and writing.
- Analyze and interpret medical words and terminology.

## Description

Provides students within the Veterinary Technology Program the foundational skills to communicate within the veterinary field. Builds on the student's knowledge of medical terminology word parts and rules of word construction and applies this knowledge to body systems and to veterinary specific terms. 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:

1. Discuss medical terms applying to organ systems, clinical procedures, and clinical scenarios.
2. Define medical terms and common vocabulary particular to veterinary medicine.
3. Discuss the meaning of medical terms and common vocabulary specific to veterinary medicine.

## Course Content

1. Medical terms applying to organ systems, procedures, and scenarios
  - a. Use of nouns, adjectives, and verbs
  - b. Introduction to medical terminology
  - c. Rules for word construction
  - d. Accents and pronunciation
  - e. Words commonly used for all body systems
  - f. Words commonly used for all species
  - g. Words commonly used for all medical procedures
  - h. Words commonly used for all disorders and diseases
2. Defining medical terms

- a. Defining medical terms by word analysis
  - b. Word construction and application
3. Meaning of medical terms
    - a. Common veterinary disorders and clinical procedures
    - b. Common medical procedures and the role of the RVT
    - c. Communication with clients and colleagues

## Lab Content

Not applicable.

## Special Facilities and/or Equipment

Multimedia equipped classroom.

## Method(s) of Evaluation

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

Assessments

Textbook self-study workbook exercises

In-class verbal presentations

## Method(s) of Instruction

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

Lecture

Discussion

## Representative Text(s) and Other Materials

Romich, Janet A.. [An Illustrated Guide to Veterinary Medical Terminology](#). 4th ed.. 2015.

Although this text is older than the suggested "5 years or newer" standard, it remains clinically relevant and appropriate for the level of the student in this area of study.

Any veterinary medical dictionary, print or online.

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

1. Weekly reading assignments from text, class handouts, and outside sources, ranging from 30-60 pages per week.
2. Written short answer essay questions.

## Discipline(s)

Registered Veterinary Technician