

V T 53A: VETERINARY MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Summer 2024
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

A guided self-study of veterinary medical terminology as a fundamental communication skill. Basic word parts and rules of word construction. A review of common medical terms pertaining to the different body systems, with emphasis on those terms relevant for veterinary medicine. 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:

- Complete textbook self-study exercises in veterinary medical terminology.
- Recognize and apply proper medical terminology to clinical scenarios presented on written quizzes.
- Discuss the meaning of those medical terms which apply to different organ systems and clinical procedures.
- Discuss the meaning of those medical terms and common "lay" vocabulary particular to veterinary medicine.
- Utilize proper medical terminology in classroom discussions of selected areas of veterinary practice.
- Discuss the importance of medical terminology in record-keeping and in communication with veterinarians.

Course Content

- Complete textbook self-study exercises in veterinary medical terminology.
 - Use of nouns, adjectives, and verbs
 - Introduction to medical words
 - Rules for word construction
 - Defining medical terms by word analysis
 - Accents and pronunciation
 - Words commonly used for all body systems
 - Words commonly used for all species

- Words commonly used for all medical procedures
 - Words commonly used for all disorders and diseases
- Recognize and apply proper medical terminology to clinical scenarios presented on written quizzes.
 - Discuss the meaning of those medical terms which apply to different organ systems and clinical procedures
 - Analyze medical word construction and be able to understand and apply proper medical terminology
 - Provide correct written responses with proper spelling
 - Discuss and evaluate the meaning of those medical terms which apply to different organ systems and clinical procedures.
 - Evaluate journal articles and textbook excerpts for understanding and application
 - Compare and apply correct terminology to common veterinary disorders and clinical procedures
 - Discuss the meaning of those medical terms and common "lay" vocabulary particular to veterinary medicine.
 - Discuss common medical procedures and the role of the RVT
 - Communicate clearly to both lay persons and colleagues using terminology of the appropriate level
 - Create a short practice exercise explaining a medical condition to the pet owner
 - Utilize proper medical terminology in classroom discussions of selected areas of veterinary practice.
 - Individual and small group presentations of cases or exam room scenarios requiring the students to properly verbalize medical words
 - Critical thinking exercises on common difficulties and ethical dilemmas with subsequent classroom discussion
 - Discuss the importance of medical terminology in record-keeping and in communication with veterinarians.
 - Demonstrate accurate knowledge regarding the necessity of quality medical records
 - Understand and respect the role of the RVT in record-keeping
 - Recognize the need for clear, accurate, and timely communication
 - Appraisal of situations where the RVT needs to direct the veterinarian, such as CPR, during anesthesia, telephone communication

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:

- Weekly written quizzes
- Completion and review of textbook self-study workbook exercises
- Written journal review papers
- In-class verbal presentations
- Comprehensive final exam

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. Cengage Learning, 2015.
Any veterinary medical dictionary, print or online.

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

- A. Weekly reading assignments from text, class handouts, and outside sources, ranging from 30-60 pages per week.
- B. Written short answer essay questions, and two written journal article review papers.

Discipline(s)

Registered Veterinary Technician