

VT 89: CLINICAL INTERNSHIP I

Foothill College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Units:	3
Hours:	10 laboratory per week (120 total per quarter) This is a clinical laboratory course.
Prerequisite:	VT 55 and 56.
Degree & Credit Status:	Degree-Applicable Credit Course
Foothill GE:	Non-GE
Transferable:	CSU
Grade Type:	Letter Grade Only
Repeatability:	Not Repeatable

Student Learning Outcomes

- Observe, practice, and ultimately demonstrate entry-level competency in the skills delineated in the Internship Clinical Skills Lists for VT89.
- Consistently exhibit a strong work ethic and demonstrate the ability to adapt to various methodologies and practice philosophies and successfully integrate into the veterinary workplace.

Description

Off-campus practical clinical work experience in veterinary facilities supervised by licensed veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians. Integration into a veterinary health care team and exposure to varied methodologies and practice philosophies in a variety of clinical settings. Practical application of knowledge, skills, and attitudes acquired in the first year program course work: clinical application of anatomy and physiology; medical terminology and medical math; chemistry and microbiology; interpersonal skills and office practices. Supervised hands-on training in basic medical and surgical nursing. Opportunity to practice and attain entry-level competency in essential clinical skills. 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:

- Integrate into a veterinary health care team
- Properly perform office and hospital procedures
- Demonstrate correct examination and treatment room procedures
- Demonstrate basic animal nursing
- Properly follow hospital maintenance and workplace safety guidelines

Course Content

- Integrate into a veterinary health care team
 - Actively participate in and document 115 hours of practical work experience (can be paid or unpaid) in a veterinary medical clinical setting
 - Documentation, timetable and deadlines
 - Demonstrate professional behaviors
- Office and hospital procedures and client relations
 - Medical record keeping
 - SOAP charting
 - Client education

- Examination and treatment room procedures
 - Physical examination of dogs, cats, and other animals
 - Safe restraint and handling
- Basic animal nursing
 - Nursing assessment
 - Nursing care plans
 - Follow doctor's orders
- Hospital maintenance and workplace safety
 - Universal precautions
 - Illness and Injury Prevention Plan (IIPP)
 - SDS
 - Principles of asepsis

Lab Content

At a clinical internship, the content is dependent on the practice involved. However, supervisors and students meet to discuss expectations for the internship and a list of expected skills is provided to manage expectations. Emphasis is on skills development and practical work experience. The following topics will be included:

- Integrate into a veterinary health care team
- Properly perform office and hospital procedures
- Demonstrate correct examination and treatment room procedures
- Demonstrate basic animal nursing
- Properly follow hospital maintenance and workplace safety guidelines

Special Facilities and/or Equipment

- Off-campus, licensed, veterinary medical facility.
- Stethoscope, proper clinical attire, name tag.

Method(s) of Evaluation

- Midterm and end-of-quarter evaluation by supervising RVT or DVM
- Midterm and end-of-quarter self-evaluation
- A written health assessment on a patient
- Canvas discussions to stimulate collaboration among students
- Documentation of hours in weekly log
- Online tool will be used to document skills practice and competency

Method(s) of Instruction

- Clinical performance and demonstration of clinical skills.
- Regular class meetings on campus with instructor, as a class and one-on-one.
- Canvas is used for homework and communication purposes.

Representative Text(s) and Other Materials

Loy, Kristine. *Essential Clinical Procedures for Veterinary Technicians*. Minneapolis, MN: bluedoor, LLC, 2018.

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

- Patient "SOAP" health assessment
- Discussion entries in Canvas pertaining to job experiences
- Personal communication style survey

Discipline(s)

Registered Veterinary Technician