

V T 92: CLINICAL INTERNSHIP III

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:	V T 91.
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 VT92.
- 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. Students must assume more responsibility, act independently with more confidence and proficiency, apply principles of critical thinking to clinical practice and troubleshoot with confidence and good judgment. Practical application of knowledge, skills, and attitudes acquired in the concurrent second year program course work. The student assumes more responsibility for radiology and clinical pathology, medical nursing and common clinical procedures. Emphasis on developing competencies around dentistry, emergency medicine, and nursing assessments. This course meets the 115 hours of practical work experience in a veterinary medical clinical setting required for the students. 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 medical team with increasing ease
- Contribute to the nursing care of more critical patients
- Create nursing assessments and nursing interventions for a variety of patients
- Assist in diagnostic imaging
- Demonstrate skill in handling difficult or medically fragile patients
- Demonstrate competency in basic venipuncture skills

Course Content

- Integrate into a veterinary medical team with increasing ease
 - Perform quality assurance and maintenance care for clinical equipment
 - Provide education to clients with some support from doctor or staff
 - Practice effective communication skills with coworkers and clients

- Contribute to the nursing care of more critical patients
 - Refine patient assessment skills
 - Develop triage skills
 - Care for patients with moderately severe illnesses
 - Give medications competently; monitor therapeutic effects
- Create nursing assessments and nursing interventions for a variety of patients
 - Describe pathophysiology in admitted patients
- Assist in diagnostic imaging
 - Evaluate quality of radiography exposure
 - Describe positioning errors
 - Demonstrate state-defined radiation safety measures
- Demonstrate skill in handling difficult or medically fragile patients
 - Demonstrate excellent medical record keeping
 - Describe principles of triage
- Demonstrate competency in basic venipuncture skills
 - Administer medication intravenously

Lab Content

Clinical internship: practical training in the American Veterinary Medical Association Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities List of Essential Skills Expected of Graduate Veterinary Technicians, using a set of standard criteria as a guideline for the accomplishment of performance objectives. Emphasis is on skill development and hands-on experience in the following areas:

- Nursing care
- Triage
- Diagnostic imaging
- Venipuncture

Special Facilities and/or Equipment

A. Stethoscope, proper clinical attire, name tag; additional equipment as required by individual sites.

Method(s) of Evaluation

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

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- Progression in essential skills checklist
- Written midterm and final performance evaluations by a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician
- Written midterm and final self-evaluations
- Pharmacology client education handout
- Written resume in preparation for Career Fair
- Patient assessment for an emergency case

Method(s) of Instruction

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

- Internship
- Periodic conference with faculty Intern Coordinator
- 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 publishing, LLC, 2018.

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

May include but are not limited to:

- A. Utilizing the textbook to apply to real cases seen in clinic
- B. Canvas site will have additional information and assignments
- C. Specific assignment from a patient seen at internship site
- D. Skills practice

Discipline(s)

Registered Veterinary Technician