

V T 93: CLINICAL INTERNSHIP IV

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 92.
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 set forth in the Internship Clinical Skills Lists for VT93.
- 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. High-level practical application of knowledge, skills, and abilities acquired in the concurrent second year program course work. In addition to competently performing all essential clinical skills and duties delegated to the veterinary technician, the student will begin to take responsibility for client education, development of patient care plans, providing nursing care to critical care and emergency patients, performing advanced sampling techniques, conducting special diagnostic studies and performing more complex therapeutics. 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 last quarter of the Veterinary Technology Program; enrollment is limited to students accepted in the program.

Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

- Act as a fully contributing member of a veterinary medical team.
- Contribute to the nursing care of all of veterinary patients.
- Demonstrate entry-level participation in anesthetic events.
- Perform complete dental prophylaxis on veterinary patients, as available at job site.
- Participate in radiography procedures.

Course Content

- Act as a fully contributing member of a veterinary medical team.
 - Demonstrate ability to function effectively under the direct and indirect supervision of the veterinarian or registered veterinary technician
 - Demonstrate leadership skills and contribute positively to the team
 - Provide guidance to first year interns where possible
- Contribute to the nursing care of all of veterinary patients.

- Assess patients
 - Implement plans for diagnostic work up
 - Implement plans for treatment
 - Monitor and document therapeutic effects of plan on patient
 - Achieve competency in IV skills
- Demonstrate entry-level participation in anesthetic events.
 - Administer narcotics and anesthetics responsibly with appropriate supervision
 - Calculate drug dosages accurately
 - Monitor and recover anesthetized patients diligently (surgical nursing)
 - Evaluate anesthetized patient, demonstrating good clinical judgment
 - Assist in surgery when appropriate
 - Demonstrate competency in sterile technique
 - Perform complete dental prophylaxis on veterinary patients, as available at job site.
 - Participate in radiography procedures.
 - Able to take dental radiographs, if available at practice
 - Participate in radiographic procedures

Lab Content

The student will actively participate in and document 115 hours of practical work experience in a veterinary medical clinical setting by participating in the following:

- Act as a fully contributing member of a veterinary medical team.
- Contribute to the nursing care of all of veterinary patients.
- Demonstrate entry level participation in anesthetic events.
- Perform complete dental prophylaxis on veterinary patients, as available at job site.
- Participate in radiography procedures.

Special Facilities and/or Equipment

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

Method(s) of Evaluation

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

- Completion of an essential skills checklist as required by the AVMA
- Written midterm and final performance evaluations by licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician
- Self-evaluations at the midterm and end of the quarter
- Meet with Intern Coordinator for verbal evaluation

Method(s) of Instruction

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

- Clinical instruction while working in practice, with a focus on skills defined by course objectives.

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

A. Student creates a plan for workplace success: complete all necessary skills practice under supervision of RVT or DVM

B. Participate in Small Animal Surgery Day at Foothill

Discipline(s)

Registered Veterinary Technician