

VT 280 : CLINICAL PRACTICUM I

Transcript title

Clinical Practicum I

Credits

9

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

250

Lecture hours

10

Other hours

240

Prerequisites

VT 202, VT 204, VT 206 and VT 208.

Corequisites

VT 281.

Course Description

This is the first of two practicum courses that provides two three-week practicums where students link prior coursework with off-campus learning experiences. Students gain hands-on experience working with live animal cases in a veterinary hospital. Each student is expected to attend 120 total hours for each three-week period at the practicum sites for a total of 240 hours. The course also reviews the Veterinary Technician program curriculum for preparation for sitting for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE).

Course learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate punctuality and professionalism.
2. Communicate with veterinary team members and clients in a professional manner in all formats, written, oral, non-verbal, and electronic.
3. Successful application of the essential skills in a veterinary medical environment as required by the American Veterinary Medical Association accrediting agency.
4. Summarize key aspects of pharmacology, surgical nursing, dentistry, animal care and nursing and diagnostic imaging in a cohesive manner that may be applied to the Veterinary Technician National Exam.

Content outline

Students are matched to two different practicum sites, each for a three-week period. Each student is expected to attend 120 total hours for each three-week period at a practicum site.

1. VTNE Review
2. Pharmacy and Pharmacology

3. Surgical Nursing
4. Dentistry
5. Laboratory Procedures
6. Animal Care and Nursing
7. Diagnostic Imaging

Required materials

Scrubs, non-slip shoes, name tag, stethoscope, thermometer, bandage scissors, online software.