

VT 281 : CLINICAL PRACTICUM II

Transcript title

Clinical Practicum II

Credits

5

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

130

Lecture hours

10

Other hours

120

Prerequisites

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

Course Description

Second of two practicum courses; students will spend three weeks in a veterinary hospital continuing to link prior coursework with off-campus learning experiences using advanced skills. Students can request to attend a specialized clinic. Each student is expected to attend 120 total hours in the three-week time period. The course also continues to review the Veterinary Technician program curriculum for preparation for sitting for the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE). Students will return the last week to reflect on their practicum experience and take a program exit exam.

Course learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate punctuality and professionalism and efficiently perform duties in a timely, accurate manner.
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. Demonstrate and perform patient assessment techniques in a variety of animal species.
5. Safely and effectively produce diagnostic radiographs, assist in animal nursing procedures and manage patients under anesthesia.
6. Work independently on professional duties specific to Certified Veterinary Technicians.
7. Summarize key aspects of Anesthesia, Emergency Medicine/Critical Care, Pain management and analgesia in a cohesive manner that may be applied to the Veterinary Technician National Exam.

Content outline

Students will be matched to a practicum site for a three-week period. Each student is expected to attend 120 total hours for each three-week period at a clinical site.

1. VTNE Review
2. Anesthesia
3. Emergency Medicine/Criteria Care
4. Pain Management/Analgesia
5. Exit Exam

Required materials

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