

Course discipline/number/title: VT 2720: Veterinary Technician Field Experience

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

1. Credits: 4
2. Hours/Week: 4 internship credits
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): VT 1610, VT 2270, VT 2820, VT 2920
4. Other requirements: None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students participate as veterinary technicians in a full-time 8 week off-campus learning experience in business, industry, and/or the public sector. The student is involved in the day-to-day work of the facility, including restraint and handling of animals, office procedures, clinical laboratory techniques, radiology, and surgery preparation. This course incorporates an on-line review workshop for students to review material studied during their education. To enroll in this course, all previous required courses must have been completed with a C or better.

C. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): December, 2020

D. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

1. Restraint and handling of animals
2. Nursing procedures
3. Office procedures
4. Clinical laboratory techniques
5. Radiology
6. Surgery

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate applied veterinary technician skills in an industry related setting.
2. Perform evaluations of experience and skill completion weekly.
3. Complete required on-line review coursework.

F. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

G. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING: Methods may include but are not limited to:

1. Attendance (pre-experience meetings and field experience attendance)
2. Evaluations by site supervisor
3. Self-evaluation of skills and training
4. Work related experience with skill competency record
5. Site evaluations
6. Participation and progress in on-line review course
7. Course assignments
8. Completion of course assignments, forms, paperwork, and evaluations by deadlines

H. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S). This course contributes to meeting the following RCTC Core Outcome(s): Personal and Professional Accountability. Students will take responsibility as active learners for achieving their educational and personal goals.

I. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any):

The initial lab session explains and familiarizes the student with general safety hazards and safety equipment to the lab. During the pre- lab discussion, the hazardous characteristics of any materials used during a lab are discussed. In addition, if the lab involves any potentially infectious or zoonotic material, the students will be instructed on the proper use and disposal. The instructor will direct all students to where necessary protective equipment while working with any hazardous chemicals. A copy of the Safety Data Sheets for chemicals used is available in the lab.