



DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2015 AH 246 ANIMAL NURSING 1 – 3/48

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OFFICE HOURS: 9-5 or as posted

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

Students must complete and pass AH 141, AH 172, AH 173, AH 112, AH 144, and AH 174

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

- Student Handouts will be provided
- Susan M. Taylor, *Small Animal Clinical Techniques*, Saunders/Elsevier, 2010, 1st Edition
- Marianne Tear, *Small Animal Surgical Nursing – Skills and Concepts*, Elsevier/Mosby, 2012, 2nd Edition (suggested)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Proper identification, use, care and maintenance of all equipment is emphasized. Basic grooming procedures, hoof, nail, ear and eye conditions and care are taught. Students will learn about physical therapy, bandaging, splinting, casting and wound healing. Recognition and treatment of complications of improper techniques are covered.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 credits /48 hours

DELIVERY MODE(S): Lecture and Lab

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Practical Veterinary Calculations
- B. Sanitation and Disinfection
- C. PE: TPR, Asymmetry; IM & SQ Injections
- D. Ears, Eyes, Anals
- E. Grooming & Nail/Hoof Care

STUDENT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES:

- Scrubs, coveralls and boots
- Functional watch with second hand
- Shoes with covered toe and heel
- Stethoscope
- Leashes

TRANSFERABILITY:

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A ⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A ⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B ⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B ⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C ⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C ⁻	1.7	60 – 62	MINIMAL PASS*
F	1.3	55 – 59	FAIL
	1.0	50 – 54	
	0.0	0 – 49	
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

*overall grade average has to be 2.0 or higher to be successful in the program.

EXAMINATIONS:

STUDENT EVALUATION:

A minimum of 60% must be obtained with a minimum of 80% in the animal care related portion of the course, including the final practical evaluation, in order to successfully pass AH246. Deductions are as per the instructor's discretion but generally based on the GPRC Fairview Campus Animal Hospital Policies and Procedures Manual located in the clinic office. The Laboratory Skills Assessment will be handed out and must be completed by the end of this course or a FAILURE will be awarded to the student.

Quizzes can be held without prior notification.

Mark Distribution

A. Lecture/Lab Assignments	5%
B. Sanitation & Animal Care	5%
❖ Calving and Lambing	
❖ Dog walking	
C. Lecture/Lab Quizzes	15%
D. Lecture Midterm	25%
E. Final Practical Evaluation	15%
F. Final Exam	35%

100%

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Enrolment at GPRC assumes that the student will become a responsible citizen of the College. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, take pride in and assist in the maintenance and preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for his/her education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting instructor expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Please refer to pages 49-50 of the College calendar regarding plagiarism, cheating and the resultant penalties. These are serious issues and will be dealt with severely.

Additional Information: Animal Care Related Duties refer to the provision of essential care to our campus small animals (walking, behavior observation and documentation). Students are required to participate based on a rotation schedule which will include weekends and holidays. Not doing so according to set guidelines will result in a 5% deduction for each animal care duty rotation missed. Schedule changes are limited and must be approved by the supervisor/ instructor prior to the scheduled time. See lab contract for specific guidelines.

A valid reason requires prior notification to the instructor and acceptable third party written note (doctor, etc.). Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the instructor.

For your safety, the safety of others and the safety of the animals there will be a zero tolerance for anybody showing up for lab sessions, or lectures/guest speakers, under the influence of alcohol or other medication that may cause physical impairment or disruptive behavior.

Students are expected to show up prepared for lab. This includes, but is not limited to appropriate clothing, equipment and knowledge. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from lab and a 5% deduction from the overall course mark.

A student who misses 2 or more lab sessions will receive an incomplete or failure grade, exceptions are at the instructor's discretion.

Any student wishing to see a marked quiz or midterm must make an appointment with the instructor to view or go over. Final exams are not available to be viewed by a student.

Late or missed assignments will result in a zero.

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