



VETT 350 Large Animal Clinical Nursing
CRN 22090
COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2025

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Required Textbooks:

- **Large Animal Medicine & Nursing for Veterinary Technicians, 2E**
 - Author: Jennifer Serling, CVT, BVSc
 - Published Date: 2022
 - ISBN: 9781643863634
 - Publisher: TOPHAT
- **Veterinary Clinical Procedures in Large Animal Practices, 2nd ed.**
 - Authors: Jody Rockett; Susanna Bosted
 - ISBN: 9781305806733, 1305806735
 - ISBN: 9781305537651, 1305537653
 - Publisher: Cengage Learning
 - Copyright 2016

Recommended Textbook(s) or Materials:

- **Animal Clinical Procedures for Veterinary Technicians, 5th edition**
 - Author: Kristin J. Holtgrew-Bohling, DVM, LVT, RLATG
 - ISBN: 9780323882194
 - Copyright: 2024
 - Publication Date: 10-03-2023
 - Imprint: Elsevier

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Software Required: Any Internet vehicle including Google Chrome, Firefox, etc that follows that below supported browsers. Also, lecture materials, supplemental worksheets, videos, and slides will be available which will need to be opened using Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Power Point.

Optional Texts and/or Materials: There will be links to images, videos, and other supplemental materials.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Presents common large animal nursing skills. The course focuses on basic species knowledge, husbandry, physical examination, restraint, equipment and handling safety. The laboratory develops skills in bovine, equine, caprine, ovine and poultry handling and include, but not be limited to: hoof trimming, vaccinations, dehorning, and castration methods, venipuncture, IV catheter placement, administering fluids and medications, bandaging and splinting techniques and neonatal care. Laboratory sessions will provide a hands-on teaching experience.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Describe common zoonotic diseases of large animals as they apply to animal health and public safety.
2. Discuss biosecurity and isolation procedures necessary in livestock operations.
3. Describe the signs and treatment for common diseases of large animals.
4. Explain anesthetic, surgical, dental, and recovery procedures for large animals.
5. Safely and successfully restrain various species of livestock for medical examination and procedures.
6. Medicate, bandage, groom, and feed large animals.
7. Successfully perform diagnostic sampling and imaging tasks on large animals.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system, using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, using presentation and graphics programs, etc.

Assessment



As part of an accredited program, we are to track the students progress in the listed skills and knowledge required by AVMA. The VBMT program students are required to register with the skills tracking program Trajecsys at the full cost based on the coordinators payment plan due to the students graduation date. This is a one time registration fee for the duration of the students participation of the VBMT program up to graduation.

The instructor will register the student but the student is financially responsible. Payment can be completed directly through Trajecsys or campus bookstore. If the student purchases the subscription via bookstore, the cost will differ.

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INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

This class is designed such that you may learn at a faster pace should you choose to work ahead in class.

Each week consists of reading assigned from the textbook, review exercises, reading and responding to a case study, and a quiz to evaluate your comprehension of the material.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES & TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN THE COURSE

Regularly logging into the course website, approximately 2 hours of weekly study and 2 hours of participation time expected. These anticipated times are an estimation and may require more or less.

- The student will be held responsible for being familiar with all material presented in lectures, readings, and classmates' presentations.
- The student is expected to participate in all course activities and complete all examinations and course assignments on time.
- Any changes in the course schedule, such as examination dates, deadlines, etc., will be announced ahead of time via email and on the *d2L website*.
 - It is the student's responsibility to be informed of these changes. It is the student's responsibility to be informed about deadlines concerning registration (e.g., last day for withdrawal).
- Communication: The instructor will communicate with students through email and D2L

GRADING

1. Attendance

- Students are expected to be present for all class meetings of any course for which they are enrolled.
- Role will be taken daily via unannounced quizzes, sign in sheet, etc.
- Students are responsible for requesting makeup work when they are absent. They will be permitted to make up work for absences which are considered by the faculty member to be excusable. The method of making up this work shall be determined by the faculty member.
- The student is responsible for providing the faculty member reason(s) for his/her absence. The faculty member then determines the validity of the reason(s) for the absence and whether the student is to be excused for the absence.

2. Assignments/ Worksheets

- **Late homework:** Homework will be due at a specific date and time. Any time after the due date, the homework is considered late and will receive an automatic 30% reduction in the final score and a 10% reduction each day beyond the due date.

3. Labs

- The student must attend all required labs in order to receive full credit.
- Live animal labs **will not** be available to repeat at a later date/time if the student misses. It is the students responsibility to communicate with their instructor if they are going to be absent or late.

4. Professionalism

- Students will be evaluated in two categories for professionalism: Punctuality and Attendance, and Attitude and Ethics.
- Punctuality and Attendance:
 - Students are to attend all classes and participate in all labs.
- Attitude and Ethics:

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- If the student are caught cheating on any assignments/quizzes the students will receive a zero for that assignment/quiz/exam.
- Personal conversations held during the instructors lecture which do not pertain to the class subject will not be tolerated.
- Professionalism is evaluated each time you communicate with course instructors.
 - Emails must include the student name, CWID, and course number
- All electronic devices must be turned off or silent during class time unless being used for an assignment, lecture, or lab.
- Cellphone use:
 - **Accessing social media, viewing videos not associated with the course, or responding to non-emergency text will result in a warning to removal from the class for the day.**

5. Animal Care Duties

- VBMT Program maintains an on-site kennel which houses dogs, cats, and rodents. As part of the unique hands-on learning that our program provides, all students are assigned kennel duty shifts before and after classes as well as on weekends. Not only does this add to the overall experience, but it also helps to teach our students the duties and responsibilities of animal care and sanitation.
- All students will participate in ADC (Animal Care Duties) by rotation of schedules.
- If a shift is missed 5 points will be deducted per absence.
- If the student is unable to complete their shift, it is their responsibility to contact the instructor.

6. Final Exam:

- The final exam will be comprehensive/cumulative and will be given in class on:
 - **Time and Location TBA**
- The final Lab Practical Exam will be comprehensive/cumulative and will be given in class on:
 - **Time and Location TBA**
- The final exam format may include T/F, matching, multiple choice, and short answer. A scantron will be require which must be provided by the student. No smart phones/cell phones/tablets will allowed to use on the exam.

The final grade in the course will be based on your accumulated total points during the semester according to the following distribution:

Professionalism & Attendance	100
Homework	150
ACT	160
CVTEA skills	150
Lab participation	250
Animal Care Duties	100
Exams x2 (50 pts ea.)	100
Final Exam:	150
Final Lab Practical:	150
Total	1310

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

- A = 90%-100%
- B = 80%-89%
- C = 70%-79%
- D = 60%-69%
- F = 59% or Below

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TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

Zoom Video Conferencing Tool

https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universitymenu

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

NO LATE WORK ACCEPTED

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Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf>

Graduate Students Academic Integrity Policy and Form

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

<https://inside.tamuc.edu/aboutus/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu
Website: [Student Disability Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/)
<https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.

<http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html>



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AI use policy [Draft 2, May 25, 2023]

Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course. Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed. In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

Department or Accrediting Agency Required Content

<https://www.avma.org/education/center-for-veterinary-accreditation/committee-veterinary-technician-education-activities/cvtea-accreditation-policies-and-procedures-appendix-g>

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