VETT 350 01L – Large Animal Clinical Nursing Techniques
CRN: 22090
COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2026
Face-to-Face Course

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication Response Time: 24-48 hours

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required:
- **Large Animal Medicine and Nursing for Veterinary Technicians, 2nd ed.**
  - ISBN: 9781643863634
- **Veterinary Clinical Procedures in Large Animal Practice, 2nd ed.**
  - Anything used from this textbook will be provided, as this book is out of print.

Optional Texts and/or Materials:
- **Large Animal Clinical Procedures for Veterinary Technicians, 5th ed.**
  - ISBN: 9780323877886
- There will be links to images, videos, and other supplemental materials posted in D2L.

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, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint.

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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 handling and will include, but not 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 with common large animal species.
Prerequisites: Current enrollment in second year of the professional Veterinary Biomedical Technology program.

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 graphic programs, etc.

Instructional Methods

This course will use the D2L learning platform. D2L is how lecture content, assignments, discussions, quizzes, tests, etc. will be delivered. This is how the course will remain interactive and engaging while still being completely online.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

- The student will regularly log into the course module in D2L.
- The student will be held responsible for being familiar with all material presented in the course (lectures, readings, assignments, classmates' presentations, etc.).
- The student is expected to participate in all course activities and complete all examinations and course assignments on time.
  - o Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. It is the student's responsibility to have a backup method to deal with these

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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, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

- Any changes in the course schedule, such as examination dates, deadlines, etc. will be announced ahead of time via **email** and on the **D2L course module**.
    - o It is the students' 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, etc.).
- Communication: The instructor will communicate with students through email.

GRADING

- **Attendance**
    - o Students are expected to be present for all class meetings of any course for which they are enrolled.
        - ▪ 100 points
        - ▪ 2 excused absences – no deduction
        - ▪ 10 point deduction for each absence after that.
    - o Role will be taken daily via unannounced quizzes, sign-in sheet, etc.
    - o 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 members to be excusable. The method of making up work shall be determined by the faculty member.
    - o The student is responsible for providing the faculty member with reasons 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.
    - o Participation in a required/authorized university activity; verified illness; death in a student's immediate family; obligation of a student at legal proceedings in fulfilling responsibility as a citizen; and others determined by individual faculty to be excusable (e.g., elective university activities, etc.).
- **Professionalism**
    - o Students will be evaluated in two categories for professionalism: Punctuality and Attendance, and Attitude and Ethics.
    - o Punctuality and Attendance:
        - ▪ Students are to attend all classes and participate in all labs.
    - o Attitude and Ethics:
        - ▪ If the student is caught cheating on any assignments, quizzes, or exams the student will receive a zero for that assignment/quiz/exam.
        - ▪ Personal conversations held during the instructor's lecture which do not pertain to the class subject will not be tolerated.
        - ▪ Professionalism is evaluated each time you communicate with course instructors.

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- Emails must include the students' 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 texts will result in a warning, up to removal from the class for the day.
- **Assignments/Worksheets**
  - Late homework
    - Homework will be due at a specific date and time. Any time after the due date, the homework will be considered late and will receive an automatic 30% reduction in the final grade and a 10% reduction each day beyond the due date.
- **Lab Participation**
  - You must attend all required labs to receive full credit. Labs will consist of models and live animals. Live animal labs will be difficult to replicate on a different date due to any absences. If the student is unable to attend a lab, they are responsible for communicating with the instructor. The instructor will determine if the lab can be repeated for the student at a later date.
- **Animal Care Duties**
  - The VBMT Program maintains an on-site kennel which houses dogs and cats. As part of the unique hands-on learning that our program provides, all students are assigned kennel duty shifts before and/or after classes. Not only does this add to the overall experience, but it also helps teach our students the duties and responsibilities of animal care and sanitation.
  - All students are required to participate in ACD (Animal Care Duties) by assigned shifts throughout the week.
  - If a shift is missed, 5 points will be deducted per absence.
  - If the student is unable to complete their shift, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor.
- **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, multiple choice, matching, and short answer. No smart phones/cell phones/tablets will be allowed during the Final Exam.

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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% and below

Total points corresponding to the final letter grades:

A	=	1125-1250 Points
B	=	1000-1124 Points
C	=	875-999 Points
D	=	750-874 Points
F	=	749 Points and Below

Assessments

Weights of the assessments in the calculation of the final letter grade:

Professionalism and Attendance	100 points
Homework	150 points
CVTEA Skills	150 points
Fear Free Equine	100 points
Lab Participation	250 points
Animal Care Duties	100 points
Exams (2 at 50 pts each)	100 points
Final Exam	150 points
Final Lab Practical	150 points
Total Points	**1250 points**

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

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The instructor will register each student, but the student is financially responsible for the platform fee. Payment can be completed directly through Trajecsys.

Course Outline/Calendar

In progress. To be updated.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University 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=universalmenu

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@etamu.edu.

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

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STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COURSE

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Technology-Related Issues

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, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will need reliable computer and internet access for this course. Students must be able to effectively use myLEO email, myLEO Online D2L, and Microsoft Office.

Learning Management System (LMS) – D2L

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

- View the Learning Management System Requirements Webpage.

- Learn more on the LMS Browser Support Webpage.

Technical Support

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Interaction with Instructor Statement

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor. Correspondence will always be through university email (your "myLEO" mail) and announcements in myLEO online (D2L). You will not RECEIVE email through D2L, so be sure to check your ETAMU email for communication. Students are encouraged to check university email daily.

Include the Following in Emails with Instructor:

- Course name and subject in the subject line

- Salutation (Good afternoon, Dr. Jackson)

- Proper email etiquette (no "text" emails – use proper grammar and punctuation)

- Student name and CWID after the body of the email (possibly add to student signature on email)

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

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.

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 online in the Student Guidebook.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette Webpage for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum.

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy, please view the Attendance Webpage and the Class Attendance Policy

Academic Integrity

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

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

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty University Procedure 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

Use of Artificial Intelligence

East Texas A&M University 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

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

East Texas A&M University

Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162

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Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Website: Office of Student Disability Services

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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 ETAMU 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.

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

East Texas A&M Supports Students' Mental Health – Counseling Services

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, 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

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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.

As an Institutional Member of the National Association of Schools of Music, East Texas State A&M University supports the Association's commitment to student health and wellness. The following web address provides links to information for resources related to physical and mental well-being, as well as assists in offering preventative measures that students can take to avoid serious and/or chronic conditions: Musician Health and Safety - East Texas A&M University

Department and Accrediting Agency Statement:

School of Music Mission Statement:

The School of Music at East Texas A&M University promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

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