

VETA103W : Veterinary Assistant Small Animal Nursing I

Veterinary Assistant Small Animal Nursing I gives students the knowledge and skills required to perform basic small-animal nursing in a veterinary setting. Topics include record keeping, safety concerns, vital signs, monitoring hospitalized animals, nutrition, first aid, CPR and basic animal-care skills such as bathing, ear care, and nail trimming. Students learn about euthanasia procedures and post-mortem care. They acquire basic pharmacy skills, and learn about legal issues involving drugs in the workplace. The course covers drug categories, medication delivery methods, preparation of dispensed drugs, and therapeutic diet inventory. Students will learn of animal diseases and zoonoses with core vaccine recommendations for small animals. Emphasis is placed on assisting veterinarians and/or veterinary technicians with procedures.

Lecture Hours 2

Lab Hours 2 **Credits** 3

Corequisite Courses

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