Course Title: Orientation to Veterinary Medicine

Contact Hours: 12       WECM: VTHT 1008

Course Number: VETA 5645

Class Web Site: http://www.collin.edu/ce/courses/vetassist.html

Course Description: Survey of veterinary medicine, including veterinary-related careers, safety in the veterinary workplace, the human-companion animal bond, animal restraint, client relations, and basic medical terminology.

Course Prerequisite(s): None

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Describe the history of veterinary medicine, careers and opportunities. (F1, F4, F10, F11)
2. Explain human-companion animal bond, grief processes, and basic medical terminology. (F12, F16)
3. Perform basic restraint, safety and client relation procedures. (F6, F7, F8)

Certification Notes: Orientation to Veterinary Medicine is one of 3 classes needed, in addition to the Practicum, to complete the requirements for CVA level I through TVMA.

Next Class Possibilities: Introduction to Veterinary Technology

Textbook(s): (Contact bookstore for current edition and cost)
Elsevier's Veterinary Assisting Textbook, Author: Margi Sirois, Publisher: Elsevier
Elsevier's Veterinary Assisting Workbook, Author: Margi Sirois, Publisher: Elsevier
Dog Anatomy: A Coloring Atlas, Author: Kainer and McCraken, Publisher: CRC Press

Withdrawal Policy: See the current Career Skills Training catalog for the tuition refund policy.

Collin College Academic Policies: See the current Collin Student Handbook.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current Collin Student Handbook for additional information.

Attendance Policy: Students must be in attendance for at least 90% in order to pass competencies.
Lesson Plan
Proper lifting and restraint skills
Transporting animals to/from cages and stalls
Safety precautions in the exam area
Another set of eyes and hands for the doctor
Admit and discharge non-medical patients

Method of Evaluation: Students must achieve a minimum of 75% final average and must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to pass competencies.