

Minnesota Articulated College Credit (ACC) Agreement

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Agreement Name **Veterinary Technology**

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College Courses			
Class	Title	School	Credits
VT 1110	Introduction to Animal Health Technology	Rochester Community & Technical College	2.0 of 3.0

Course Description

This course introduces the student to the profession of veterinary medicine and the members of the veterinary health care team. Topics of the course include veterinary law and ethics, career opportunities, professionalism, occupational safety, the role of animals in society, human-animal bonds, pet loss, and euthanasia.

LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:

1. Understand the history, career opportunities, and the members of the veterinary health team.
2. Understand, identify, and discuss the ethics, professionalism, and laws governing the activities of the veterinary health team.
3. Understand how animal welfare and animal rights affect the responsibilities of the veterinary health team while working with animals in our society.
4. Discuss safety issues consistent with CVTEA Policy on Safety and OSHA regulations
5. Understand the relationship of the human-animal bond and how it relates to the veterinary health care team.
6. Discuss the role of the veterinary health care team in dealing with pet loss and euthanasia.
7. Understand preventive health care and recommend vaccination schedules for various species as it relates to client education.
8. Identify the common carriers of zoonotic diseases, how these diseases affect the animal carriers and how the diseases are transmitted to humans.
9. Discuss legal and ethical issues related to the veterinary technology profession.
10. Select appropriate strategies for dealing with personal and emotional issues confronting veterinary technicians.
11. Demonstrate a basic understanding of cat and breeds.

Curriculum Content Objectives

To receive credit, students will be exposed to 100% of the following content objectives:

1. Overview of Veterinary Technology
 - a) Veterinary Health Care Team - definitions, roles and job duties
 - b) Professional organizations
 - c) Regulatory Agencies
 - d) Careers and career paths

2. Professional Ethics and Laws

- a) Professionalism
- b) Practice acts
- c) Professional Communication
- d) Ethics
- e) Laws governing veterinary medicine
- f) Professional growth

3. Animals in Society

- a) Animal industries
- b) Human-animal bond
- c) Animal use and ownership
- d) Animal welfare
- e) Animal rights

4. Companion Animals

- a) Domestication
- b) Scientific / Common names
- c) Animal husbandry
- d) Dog breeds
- e) Cat breeds
- f) Preventative health programs

5. Pet

- a) Types of pet loss
- b) Euthanasia
- c) The grief process
- d) Healthcare team responsibility

6. Safety in the Veterinary Facility

- a) Hazards in the workplace
- b) OSHA
- c) Zoonotic diseases
- d) Public health

Assessments

Students must achieve no less than 80% or B for a final grade in the high school course to receive ACC.

- 1. Objective and/or subjective tests and quizzes
- 2. Course assignments
- 3. Group work/projects
- 4. Course participation

ACC Concept

Through Articulated College Credit (ACC) Program, specific college curriculum content goals and assessments are embedded in participating high school career and technical education (CTE) programs as specified in this agreement. Relevant knowledge, skills, and standards are taught by qualified CTE high school instructor(s) in one or more course(s). ACC is awarded if the student meets the college equivalency standards and later enrolls in the college(s) articulated requiring the course in a specific program.