VET 112 : Introduction to Veterinary Technology

This course introduces students to the profession of veterinary technology/veterinary nursing. The course didactic material and required clinical skills are designed to introduce the student to veterinary hospital fundamentals. Topics may include but are not limited to professionalism, communication, general veterinary practice and procedures, The Alabama Veterinary Practice Act, ethics, jurisprudence medical terminology identification of animals; basic animal behavior; handling and restraint; care and nutrition. The course introduces students to the areas of small animal parasitology, diagnostic and surgical procedures, equine and farm animal nursing, sanitation and biosecurity, and client relations. Upon course completion, students should have a general understanding of the profession of veterinary technology/veterinary nursing and be able to demonstrate sound decision making, professionalism, and effectively assist veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians with basic veterinary procedures in a clinical setting such as, collect samples, administer medications, perform fecal analysis, know different breeds of animals, and understand parasite life cycles, understand and adhere to OSHA regulations and safety procedures.

Credit Hours: 5

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical/Practicum: 2 (3 contact hours:1 credit hour)

Credits 5
Core Course
Prerequisites
Admission to VET program.
Corequisites
None