

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
VET 116 - ANIMAL BREEDS AND BEHAVIOR (3 CR.)**

Course Description

Surveys common species of domestic animals including basic husbandry, care and handling. Introduces identification of various breeds and their characteristics including behavior patterns, problems and solutions. Lecture 3 hours. Total 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course is designed to be a survey of the common species of domestic animals including the bovine, equine, porcine, ovine, caprine, canine, and feline. Common breeds, basic husbandry and theriogenology will be covered. The students will also be introduced to normal behavior patterns, handling and restraint techniques, basic training and common behavior problems of domestic animals.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Enrollment is limited to those students program-placed in the veterinary technology curriculum or those students with special approval from the program head.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify common breeds of large and small domestic animal species
- Describe and apply fundamental husbandry and reproductive management
- Explain species characteristics and behaviors that influence handling and restraint
- Recognize normal and abnormal behavior and gain basic knowledge regarding behavior problems of domestic animals
- Communicate with clients regarding animal behavioral issues

Major Topics To Be Covered

- Common breeds of bovine, equine, porcine, caprine, ovine, canine and feline
- Basic principles of husbandry
- Reproductive cycles and breeding techniques
- Humane handling and restraint techniques
- Normal and abnormal behavior patterns
- Principles of animal learning and animal training techniques
- Common behavior problems and basic treatment techniques
- Client Education of behavior problems