SAN JUAN COLLEGE

VETT 130 Vet Nursing Care II Section Name Section Credit Hours Credits Syllabus

**Section-specific Course Description:**

Course Level Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to describe and apply knowledge of the following topics for canine and feline patients:

- Clinical Nursing Skills: Provide proper restraint and handing of patients; administer medications using various routes and techniques; Perform venipuncture; Place intravenous catheters.

- Nutrition: List nutrients; Evaluate pet foods; Describe feeding methods best used for specific conditions; Assess patient body condition; Advise clients about nutrition topics.

- Body Systems: Identify anatomical structures; Explain the function of the components; Describe common presentations; and Perform clinical procedures for the following systems:

- Digestive, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Urinary

- Gather patient history and perform physical exams; Provide basic husbandry care.

- Identify special considerations for and explain proper care of neonatal, geriatric, and infirm patients; Identify pain in patients.

- Identify select toxicants and assist in managing poison emergencies.

- Develop reports on special topics.

Required Texts and/or Materials

Reading assignments will come from: weekly coursework documents, required textbooks, and articles / websites / videos posted on the

course site for each week.
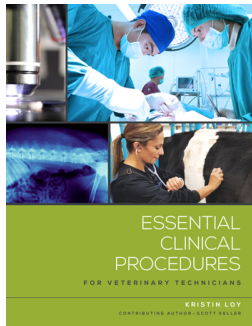
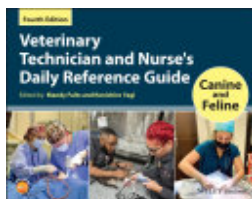**Essential Clinical Procedures for Veterinary Technicians**
9781681357485
Kristin Loy, Scott Keller
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2018-01-01
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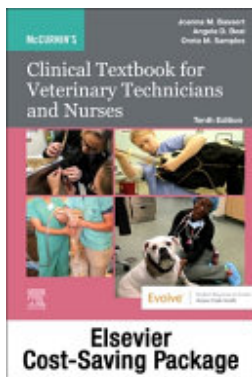**Veterinary Technician and Nurse's Daily Reference Guide**
9781119557203
Mandy Fults, Kenichiro Yagi
John Wiley & Sons
2022-04-26
4th edition (3rd accepted)

McCurnin's Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses Textbook and Workbook Package
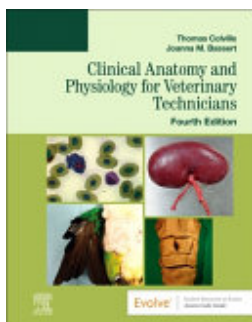9780323764674
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Saunders
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10th edition (9th edition accepted)

Clinical Anatomy and Physiology for Veterinary Technicians
9780323793414
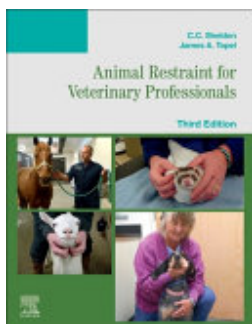Thomas P. Colville, Joanna M. Bassert
Mosby
2023-03-01
4th edition (3rd edition accepted)

Animal Restraint for Veterinary Professionals
9780323881432
C. C. Sheldon, James Topel

Elsevier
2023-08-01
3rd edition (2nd edition accepted)

Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

Course Requirements

Important! **Please thoroughly review the following. Together, these two documents serve as a contract with the college, the student, and the instructor.**

1) Course Guidebook - found in the Important Course Information module in Canvas and includes:

- Comprehensive information on course policies and the requirements which must be met in order to successfully complete the course.
- Weekly Reading & Written Lessons Schedule
- Assignment Schedule
- Due Dates and other important dates
- Course Grading

2) Simple Syllabus - accessible from the course menu and includes.

- A brief overview of this course
- San Juan College policies and information

Activities for this course include:

- Weekly written assignments

- Tests: 9-Quizzes, 3-Exams
- Clinical Procedures Worksheets Assignment - Parts A and B
- Course Task Checklist (CTCs) - 35 required clinical tasks

CTCs: To see a list of the clinical tasks for this course, click **here** - this link will take you to the SJC Veterinary Technology website where you can view the clinical tasks for each course. Or enter this URL into the browser address bar: https://www.sanjuancollege.edu/health-science/veterinary-technology/upper-tier-clinical-task-requirements/

Once the semester begins, you will have access to the CTCs document containing detailed instructions and step by step instructions for each task.

Grading

The course activities are divided into assignment groups.

- Groups 1 - 2 - 3: Quizzes and Exams

    - There are 3 quizzes and 1 exam for each of Groups 1, 2, and 3.
    - Each of these groups contains material from a third of the course.
    - In order to demonstrate competency with the material, you must attain a minimum of 70% for each of the groups containing quizzes and exams in order to pass the course.

- Clinical Procedures Worksheets: Part A and B - Must attain a minimum of 70% on each part to pass the course.
- Course Task Checklist (CTCs): All clinical tasks must be successfully completed in the approved OCCI site and graded by the approved preceptor and the complete CTCs document submitted by the due date.

Course Points	
Group	**Points**
1	160
2	160
3	160

Clinical Procedures Worksheets Part A & B	200
CTCs	Pass/Fail No points
Total Possible Points	**680 pts**

Summary - In order to pass this course, you must meet the course requirements outlined in the Course Guidebook:

1. Attain a minimum of 70% for each of the 3 Groups containing quizzes and exams (Groups 1, 2, and 3), <u>and</u>

2. Attain a minimum of 70% on each part of the Clinical Procedures Worksheets assignment, <u>and</u>

3. CTCs - all tasks must be successfully performed and the complete CTCs document submitted, <u>and</u>

4. Have an overall course total of 70% or greater. Refer to your Canvas gradebook to see your total for each group.

Refer to the Course Guidebook for detailed course specific policies, including the grading policies and scale.

Course Time Commitment

Students should expect to spend approximately 6-8 hours each week completing the didactic coursework assignments in this class.

In addition to the coursework assignments, students will also be required to be working in a veterinary facility and performing clinical tasks for the Course Task Checklists (CTCs). The estimated clinical hours needed for the CTCs for the average student is 5 hours per week. OCCI site factors, such as hospital size, hospital patient flow, number of preceptors, and conditions in the OCCI site, may impact the total number of clinical hours needed. These hours are meant to aid the student in planning their course load.

Canvas Participation and Expectations

Students are expected to log into the course at least once a week and should check their Canvas and SJC email daily. All assignments have associated due dates and no late work will be accepted, unless prior approval is obtained BEFORE the assignment due date! The decision to accept late work is at the instructor's discretion and documentation of a valid excuse must be provided upon request. If students have problems or questions concerning the course or course expectations, they are expected to contact their instructor in a timely and professional manner.

Refer to the Course Guidebook for course specific policies, including late submission policies.

Participation and Attendance Policy

Drop for Non-Attendance

Students are expected to complete at least one required assignment in this course by the 2nd Friday of the semester. If no assignments are completed by this time, San Juan College will drop students from currently enrolled sections for Non-Attendance. Students will still be responsible for payment of tuition and fees.

Financial Aid will not be awarded for classes that are dropped for non-attendance. Being dropped and losing Financial Aid does not negate your financial obligation to pay for these classes. Should you have any questions, please contact Enrollment Services or Financial Aid. Remember, if you do not plan to attend, please drop your classes before the first day of class.

Course Participation

Students are expected to participate regularly and submit all course assignments, based on the course guide definition. In this course, a student who does not submit two consecutive assignments, without consulting the instructor, may be considered as having abandoned the course and a note will be entered into Self-Service and the Registrar's Office will take appropriate action. Logging into the course does not meet the attendance standard.

Students who fail to meet participation expectations will have their last date of attendance recorded in Self-Service. This date will be used to recalculate any financial aid received/veteran's benefits received, and the student may be required to repay the institution/government. If the student does not drop the course, an 'X' grade will be recorded. An 'X' grade impacts the grade point average the same as an 'F'.

Refer to the Course Guidebook for course specific policies.

Instructor Response Times & Regular Interaction Expectations

Unless noted otherwise in the Course Guidebook and in Announcements / emails:

- Students may expect to have their assignments graded and the grades posted within 10 working days after the assignment closes.
- Instructors should answer student e-mails within 48 hours of receipt during the normal work hours.

Key Dates to Remember

Full Academic Calendar

Course Schedule

The table below lists the topics covered each week. The Reading Assignment Schedule, found in the Course Guidebook, will list the required readings from textbooks along with any articles, videos, websites posted in the course for the weekly lessons.

Lesson Schedule

Week	Topics
1	**Patient Handling & Restraint** **Administration of Medications**
2	**Nutrition I** Nutrients
3	**Nutrition II** Evaluation of Pet Foods; Nutritional Needs of Dogs & Cats; Feeding Methods; People Food / BARF Diets; Reporting a Food Problem

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Nutrition III
Obesity; Clinical Nutrition; Nutritional Support; Nutritional Assessment

5 **Digestive System**
Anatomy; Common Presentations; Probiotics; Clinical Procedures

Cardiovascular System I

6 Anatomy; Exam of the Cardiovascular System; Clinical Evaluation of Heart Disease

Cardiovascular System II
Electrocardiography; Nutritional Considerations

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Respiratory System
Anatomy; Exam of the Respiratory System; Respiratory Procedures

Urinary System

8 Anatomy; Common Disorders & Terminology; Patient History-Urinary; Urine Collection & Sample Handling

Patient History

9 **Physical Examination**
Nail Trims

Neonatal Care: Puppies & Kittens

10 **Geriatric Care: Dogs & Cats**
Nursing Care of Older / Infirm Pets
Recognizing Pain in Dogs & Cats

11 **Introduction to Toxicology**
Managing Poison Emergencies; Select Toxic Substances

Download the Course Guidebook for the complete reading assignment schedule.

Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For password reset and and Canvas support, visit the [Student Technology Guide](#) website.

Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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Student Support

At San Juan College, we are committed to supporting your academic success and overall well-being. We recognize that college life can be challenging and stressful, impacting both learning and personal health. We are here to help you succeed.

Academic Support and Resources

We provide a range of academic support services to help you stay on track on your educational journey. Free resources include tutoring, computer loans, life skills workshops, and so much more. Visit the [Academic Support and Resources](#) webpage to learn more about support and resources available through Academic Advising, the Tutoring Center, the Student Resource Center (formerly Student Achievement Center) and the Testing Center.

Student Support and Resources

If you or someone you know could benefit from counseling, accessibility services, career exploration, veteran transitional assistance, or any of our other support services, visit the [Student Support and Resources](#) webpage where you'll find detailed information about various resources available to you as an SJC student.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources to enhance your college experience and ensure your success.

College Policies and Resources for Current Students

The [Student Handbook](#) provides information on student support, student organizations, and student conduct policies at San Juan College.

The San Juan College catalog outlines the [Academic Policies](#) students need to know.

Healthy and Safe Practices for Being on Campus

We want a healthy and safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Contagious diseases and your responsibility:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, fever, flu or even the common cold, you should stay home. Do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. Contact your instructor about missing class (and review your instructor's policies on missed or late work). Being sick does not necessarily excuse you from completing your work on time.

Safety on campus and your responsibility:

If you are on campus and experience or witness an emergency, call 9-1-1 first and then the Department of Public Safety at 505-566-3333 (or just 3333 if calling from a campus phone).

When you are on campus, be aware of your surroundings. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call 505-566-4444 (DPS non-emergency line) or 505-215-3091 (officer on duty line).

The College will send information for campus emergencies through SJC AlertAware, email and the webpage. Stay informed and stay safe.

Inclement Weather Information

Students will receive notification of class delays and cancellations due to inclement weather via the SJC AlertAware and SJC student email. Face-to-face classes will not meet in person; however, students are advised to check with instructors about alternative meeting options, as some may choose to meet via zoom. Hybrid classes will meet as scheduled via zoom. For questions regarding your class delay or cancelation, please contact your instructor.

Online Course Fee

Online Courses - San Juan College requires all online courses to include some form of assessment to demonstrate the mastery of course objectives. This could include exams, capstone projects, e-portfolios, presentations, final papers or other appropriate assessments. The use of a proctoring platform, plagiarism detection software or other method to ensure that assessments are completed by the enrolled student is required.

A course fee of $5.00 is assessed for all online courses at San Juan College to cover the cost of the above services. Students who are required to take a proctored exam and choose to use a physical

testing center outside the SJC Testing Center or SJC Disability Services will be responsible for the cost of using that center.