

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2025

AH 172: VETERINARY TERMINOLOGY – 1 (1-0-0) 16 Hours for 16 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday; noon – 1 or as posted, additionally can contact instructor for appointment

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Proper use of medical nouns, verbs and adjectives, includes background in root words and development of prefix, suffix and plural variations. Students will learn to provide definitions of medical terms and use correct abbreviations and symbols.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

Must be registered in the NWP Veterinary Technology Diploma Program

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

An Illustrated Guide to Veterinary Medical Terminology, Romich, 4th edition

Be sure you can log on to myClass prior to first quiz

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Guided self-study: weekly quizzes or assignments posted on myClass
Use of the required textbook is essential

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to spell, define, and understand the meaning of various medical terms, abbreviations / symbols, and demonstrate proper use of medical terms, symbols and abbreviations.

Objectives are outlined at the beginning of each chapter in the textbook.

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page

<http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

GRADING CRITERIA (select the appropriate chart below based on the grading type for this specific course):

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is less than C-.

Grading Chart for courses with Alpha Grading:

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100	C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94	C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84	C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79	D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76	D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72	F	0.0	00-49

Grades for this course will be assigned as a percentage

EXAMINATIONS	Mark Distribution
A. Quizzes	50%
B. Assignments	15%
C. Final Exam	35%
	100%

*A minimum of 60% must be obtained to successfully pass AH172.

This course is a self-study course based upon the information in the required textbook. Students must review the material and take each quiz or complete each assignment at the date and time assigned. There are no classes or tutorials.

All material, including instructions and exams, will be available on myClass except for the required textbook.

If a student misses a quiz/assignment without prior notification and without a valid reason, a mark of zero will be assigned for that quiz/assignment. An excused absence requires prior notification and an acceptable third party written note (e.g. doctor's note). Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the instructor. Late assignments or quizzes will not be accepted, and a zero grade will be assigned.

There will be an in person final exam at the end of the course.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

- Week 1 – Introduction
- Week 2 – Quiz on Chapter 1
- Week 3 – Quiz on Chapter 2
- Week 4 – Quiz on Chapter 3
- Week 5 – Quiz on Chapters 4-5 / Chapter 6 assignment
- Week 6 – Quiz on Chapter 7
- Week 7 – Quiz on Chapter 8
- Week 8 – Quiz on Chapter 9
- Week 9 – Quiz on Chapter 10
- Week 10 – Quiz on Chapter 11 / Chapter 12 Assignment
- Week 11 – Quiz on Chapter 13
- Week 12 – Quiz on Chapter 14
- Week 13 – Quiz on Chapter 15 & 16
- Week 14 – Quiz on Chapter 17
- Week 15 – Review Assignment
- Week 16 – Final Exam

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Enrolment at NWP assumes that the student will become a responsible citizen of the Polytechnic Institute. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, take pride in and assist in the maintenance and preservation of Institute property, and assume responsibility for his/her education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting instructor expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

NWP servers may be monitored. Student accounts are visible via ABTutor and student activity on NWP networks may be monitored during supervised exams and/or anytime students are on NWP networks. The collection of and access to the personal information listed above as permitted by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/polytechnic-leadership/policies-directory>

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

Additional Information:

Email instructor with any exam questions or concerns.

Refer to the NWP Veterinary Technology Student Competency Checklist book for more information on pass requirements and deductions for the VT Program.