

**DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY
COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2026**

AH 248 Comprehensive Preparation and Discovery I – 0.5 (1-0-0) 16 Hours for 16 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) 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: As posted

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will cover preparation for the Veterinary Technicians National Exam (VTNE). Students will receive special presentations, guest speakers and discussion of cases or rounds on the clinic rotations when possible.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

- Must be registered in the NWP Veterinary Technology Program
- AH112, AH141, AH143, AH145, AH172, AH173, and AH174

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Optional but recommended to have a VTNE prep textbook with practice questions or online access to practice VTNE exams.



DELIVERY MODE:

High Flex. This course is delivered in-person and may be lectured remotely via Zoom. Tests will occur in-person. Students must have a computer with a webcam and reliable internet connection.

Technological support is available through helpdesk@nwpolytech.ca.

Tests (set up like VTNE multiple choice)

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Preparation for Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE)

Upon completion of this course the student will have a broader understanding of the veterinary profession and will be able to complete VTNE-like exams to prepare them for the real VTNE exam.

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.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:

EXAMINATIONS	Mark Distribution
A. Tests	60%
B. Attendance for Speakers	40%
	100%

*A minimum of 60% must be obtained in order to successfully pass AH248.

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

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

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Course schedules are posted. Speakers will be announced in class and on D2L.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Enrolment at NWP assumes that the student will become a responsible citizen of the 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 their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting instructor expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

Veterinary Technology Program Attendance & Conduct Summary

- **Zero Tolerance for Impairment:** Attending labs, exams/quizzes, lectures, or guest speaker events under the influence of alcohol or impairing substances (including certain medications) is strictly prohibited. Violations result in unexcused absences and a mark of zero.
- **Mandatory Attendance:** Attendance is required for all exams, guest speakers and labs. Arriving late to labs, lectures, quizzes/exams will be

considered an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences (at the instructor's discretion) result in:

- **5% deduction** from the final course grade (labs/guest speakers)
- **Absence Approval:** Absences must be approved in advance or as soon as possible afterward with valid written documentation (e.g., doctor's note). Employment conflicts are not considered valid excuses.

- **Make-Up Policy:** Labs, lectures, and guest speakers cannot be made up. Missed assessments due to unexcused absences receive a grade of zero. Excused absences do not exempt students from required work or deadlines.
- **Exam Conduct:** No electronic devices (phones, smartwatches, headphones, tablets etc) are permitted during exams or evaluations. Having one present will result in immediate dismissal and a grade of 0%.
- **Further Guidelines:**
 - Spelling errors in exams/quizzes, assignments and medical records will result in a 0.5% deduction for each occurrence.
 - All handwritten materials that are submitted to the instructor must be using blue or black pen, no white out and using appropriate medical corrections.

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.