

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

AH 446 Comprehensive Preparation and Discovery II – 5 (1-0-0) 12 Hours for 6 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: Contact instructor for appointment

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
AH340, AH342, AH343, AH344, AH345, and AH348

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Prendergast, Heather, *Review Questions and Answers for Veterinary Technicians*, 6th edition, Elsevier, 2022.

Notes from VT 1 and VT 2



DELIVERY MODE(S):

Online quizzes

Guest speakers

High Flex. This course is delivered in-person and remotely via Zoom. Quizzes and final exams will be supervised in-person. Students must have a computer that has access to a calculator. Technological support is available through HelpDesk@nwpolytech.ca

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Review Exams as Preparation for the VTNE

Upon successful completion of AH 446, you will be able to demonstrate adequate knowledge of different course subjects contributing to the VTNE examination.

Guest Speakers

Upon successful completion of AH 446, you will be able to summarize the ideas presented by different guest speakers on topics related to VT's.

- Show openness towards the ideas presented by different guest speakers.
- Show the ability to take away important points made by different guest speakers.

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.transferralberta.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. Quizzes	40%
B. Guest Speakers	10%
C. Final Exam	50%
	100%

*A minimum of 60% must be obtained to successfully pass AH446. A Pass or Fail grade is assigned for this course.

A supplemental will be granted only when all the following conditions have been met:

- A passing grade has been achieved in all other course material.
- Final exam grade lowers a student's grade by 3 letter increments or the grade on a final exam results in a failing grade in the course.

GRADING CRITERIA:

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:

See course objectives for tentative timeline.

Course schedules are posted.

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). Failure to do the above may result in a zero-grade given for the exam or 5% deduction for a missed guest speaker. 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.

Additional Information

There is a 2 hour time limit for the final exam for this course AH 446.