

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE
VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY

COURSE OUTLINE – Fall 2026

AH 447 Practicum – 5 (0-0-40) 240 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.

INSTRUCTOR:	Rhonda Shaw	PHONE:	TBA
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OFFICE HOURS: Email instructor to make an appointment

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Students will be placed, individually, in an on-the-job training position with a private veterinary practice for six weeks. The student will be evaluated by the employer according to criteria determined by the Veterinary Technology Program

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

- Must be registered in the NWP Veterinary Technology Program
- Successful completion of all courses in the VT curriculum with a minimum GPA of 2.0.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

None

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Veterinary Hospital 240 hours (Course information, updates and forms posted on myClass)

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will be able to perform the tasks learned in their two years of education and combine all aspects of their education in an actual clinical setting. At the end of this course students will be able to work competently and efficiently in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

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. Practicum Evaluation	100%
	100%

*A minimum of 60% must be obtained in order to successfully pass AH 447.

GRADING CRITERIA:

OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE HAS TO BE 2.0 OR HIGHER TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE VT PROGRAM.

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:

December 7– January 29 / 240 hours.

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 practicum 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**
- **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.

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:

Students will follow all guidelines and policies set out by the practicum instructor—see myClass for more information on these guidelines and policies.

Refer to general Practicum Information sheet for other student responsibilities.