

Common Course Outline
VETT 107
Veterinary Medical Terminology
2 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

A study of the language of medicine, this course includes word construction, definitions, and use of words related to medical science in general. Focus is placed on the interpretation and translation of medical records and documents.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Use appropriate prefixes, suffixes and root words to convert lay language into medical terms.
2. Convert the common names of body anatomy of various species to medical terms and vice versa.
3. Properly use medical abbreviations to shorten the length of medical documents.
4. Recognize the terminology associated with veterinary disease processes.

Major Topics

1. Construction of medical terms
2. Rules and use of the language of veterinary medicine
3. Naming body parts and anatomical positions
4. Body organization and body cavities
5. Usage of medical abbreviations
6. Documents and forms used in patient charts
7. Systems approach to medical terminology
 - a. Cardiovascular
 - b. Respiratory
 - c. Digestive
 - d. Musculoskeletal
 - e. Endocrine
 - f. Nervous
 - g. Excretory
 - h. Reproductive
 - i. Terminology of the animal industry

Course Requirements

Specific assignments and procedures for evaluating student performance in this course will be described in the individual class syllabus, but will include the following:

1. Attendance and active participation in all class activities, collaborative work and discussion
2. Minimum of two exams including objective testing, spelling items and word construction
3. Periodic quizzes
4. Assignments and projects as determined by the instructor

Other Course Information

Pre-requisites: VETT 106, acceptance into the Veterinary Technology Program.