VET 285S Small Animal Nursing Clinical

Course Goals:

1. Demonstrate competency with multiple hands-on skills covered in previous classes to meet the CVTEA Veterinary Technology Student Essential and Recommended Skills List.
2. Assess and grow their hands-on, client communication, and knowledge-based skills for both their future career as a registered veterinary technician and their testing with the Veterinary Technician National Examination.
3. Apply the previously taught material in various roles and tasks legally applicable to the position of a registered veterinary technician.

Fall Semester 2026/27: August 24th – December 12th

Clinical Instruction Sites:

Clinical Site	Clinical Instructor	Student Placement
Friendtown Veterinary Clinic 4005 Ginghamsburg West Charleston Rd. Tipp City, OH 45371 (937) 846-4590	**Heather Hale, RVT** hhale@edisonohio.edu Qualifications AAS in Veterinary Technology Miami Jacobs Career College Completed 2017	**Alexa McFadden** Thursdays: 8 am-1:15 pm Fridays: 8 am-1:15 pm
Mad River Veterinary Hospital 2265 Troy Rd. Springfield, OH 45504 (937) 342-3647	**Renae Minnich, RVT** rminnich2@edisonohio.edu Qualifications AAS in Veterinary Technology Vet Tech Institute at Bradford School Completed 2019	**Lily Studebaker** Wednesdays: 7:30 am-12:45 pm Fridays: 7:30 am-12:45 pm
Mile Creek Animal Hospital 4265 OH-66 Minister, OH 45865 (419) 501-2287	**Sarah Kittle, RVT** skittle2@edisonohio.edu Qualifications AAS in Veterinary Technology Columbus State Community College Completed 2004	**Mindy Young** Wednesdays: 8 am-1:15 pm Fridays: 8 am-1:15 pm
North Main Veterinary Clinic 8505 N. Main St. Dayton, OH 45415 (937) 890-4744	**Courtney Yoder, RVT** cyoder2@edisonohio.edu Qualifications AAS in Veterinary Technology Columbus State Community College Completed 2011 BS in Biology University of Findlay Completed 2007	**Mydalis Bixler** Wednesdays: 9 am-2:15 pm Fridays: 9 am-2:15 pm

Stonyridge Veterinary Service 500 Stonyridge Ave Troy, OH 45373 (937) 335-6999	**Sierra Maggert, RVT** smaggert@edisonohio.edu Qualifications AAS in Veterinary Technology Edison State Community College Completed 2022	**Audrey Dulebohn** Wednesdays: 8 am-1:15 pm Fridays: 8 am-1:15 pm
Twin Maples Veterinary Hospital 3646 Watertower Ln. West Carrollton, OH 45449 (937) 866-5949	**Valerie Petry, RVT** vpetry@edisonohio.edu Qualifications AAS in Veterinary Technology Morehead State University Completed 2001	**Samantha Barga** **Brooke Puskas** Wednesdays: 7:30 am-12:45 pm Thursdays: 7:30 am-12:45 pm

Evaluation Methods

Weighted Grade Scale:

- Attendance – 15%
- Weekly Check-in Journals – 15%
- Evaluations – 20%
- Completion of skills – 50%

Attendance: A minimum of **160** hours is required to be completed in this course. One point will be awarded for attendance, marking a student as present. These points cannot be made up under any circumstances. Tardiness or absences will not only affect your attendance grade but may also result in missing required skills, leading to failing VET 285S and withdrawal from the Vet Tech Program. If an absence is found to be due to a documented extenuating circumstance, an effort to make up the hours (not the points) will be allowed but will require the approval of both the Clinical Supervisor and the Program Director.

Weekly Check-in Journals: Weekly entries of your experience will be required to be completed at each site. This assignment is to encourage self-reflection on your progress and areas that need improvement and open communication with each site's Clinical Supervisor. These will be graded on professionalism and completing the required dialogue. Each weekly journal entry is worth 50 points.

Evaluations: An evaluation regarding your progression in hands-on and soft skills (including professionalism) will be completed halfway through the 16-week semester, as well as at the end of the semester. Each evaluation is worth 100 points. Professionalism, especially regarding communication with the clinical site and potential clients, is essential. Any behavior brought to the attention of the Clinical Supervisor or Program Director that is deemed by the Clinical Supervisor to be considered poor conduct or lack of professionalism can result in a student's removal from the clinical site. This will, most likely, result in a failing grade in VET 285S and the withdrawal from the Vet Tech program.

Completion of Skills: The complete list of hands-on skills that will need to be completed by the completion of VET 285S is listed below under *AVMA CVTEA Essential Skills.* Remaining skills to be completed after the first 8 weeks will be evaluated by the Clinical Supervisor and Program Director. One point will be awarded for this check, solely marking its completion. Once all the skills have been completed and approved by the Clinical Supervisor and Program Director, a score of 100 points will be entered in the grade book. The combined score is worth 50% of your overall VET 285S grade. If all skills are not completed, this will lead to a failing grade for the course and potential withdrawal from the Vet Tech Program.

- Each student must keep track of the skills they have competently completed and immediately voice when there is a concern regarding progression to completion. If a student feels that they are falling behind or need additional outside training to ensure proper progression, please reach out to the Program Director immediately.
- Both the use of soft skills, including communication skills and overall professionalism, and additional hands-on skills will be utilized. This can include but is not limited to record keeping/filing, radiographs, laboratory procedures, client interaction, sanitation procedures, nursing skills, and pharmacy procedures.

- Students are only able to enroll in VET-291L and VET-291R once all required program skills are completed. This includes all hands-on skills in VET-285S, as well as any hands-on skill requirement in all past and present Vet Tech courses. Any canine or feline nursing skills not completed before the fourth semester of the Veterinary Technology program should be brought to the Program Director's attention and may be completed at a clinical site upon approval of the Clinical Supervisor.

POLICY STATEMENTS

Students in the Veterinary Technology program must obtain a "C" or higher in all veterinary technology courses..

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher through the entirety of the program.

Students must achieve an exam average of 75% or higher in each VET course to remain in the program.

AVMA CVTEA Essential Skills: The majority of courses in the Veterinary Technology Program have either knowledge-based and/or hands-on skills in which each student must be deemed competent. All knowledge-based skills are covered under our Assessments policy (occasionally found in the Projects category), stated above. Hands-on skills scheduled in this class are listed below. If a skill is scheduled during the course, **attendance is mandatory**. Missing even just one hands-on AVMA CVTEA Essential Skill can result in an overall failing course grade and/or taking a class that has this course as a prerequisite. A comprehensive list is available at:
https://www.avma.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/Education/Accreditation/Programs/Pages/cvtea-pp-appendix-i.aspx

The following are required to be competently completed by the end of VET 285S Small Animal Nursing Clinical

- ✓ *Utilize clinical signs and appropriate equipment to monitor patient status during anesthetic procedures* (e.g., esophageal stethoscope, blood pressure monitor, capnometer, electrocardiogram, pulse oximeter)**
- ✓ *Maintain and operate anesthetic delivery and monitoring equipment:*
  - *pulse oximeter**
  - *capnometer**
  - *esophageal stethoscope**
  - *electrocardiograph (e.g., recognize abnormal rhythms/audible sounds, properly apply leads)**
  - *anesthetic machines, including rebreathing systems, non-rebreathing systems and masks**
  - *endotracheal tubes**
  - *resuscitation bag**
  - *scavenging systems**
  - *oxygen sources**
  - *blood pressure monitoring devices**
  - *laryngoscopes**
  - *temperature monitoring device* (e.g. thermometer, etc.)*
- ✓ *Perform Comprehensive Oral Health Assessment and Treatment (COHAT) (manual and machine)**
- ✓ *Position live animals and utilize dental radiographic equipment to produce diagnostic intra-oral dental radiographic images (dog or cat)**
- ✓ Participate in surgeries in these categories:
  - *ovariohysterectomy - dog*, cat**
  - *orchiectomy - dog*, cat**
- ✓ *Palpate the urinary bladder and express it if needed**
- ✓ *Properly collect diagnostic specimens for analysis (ex: urine, blood, feces, specimens for cytology)**
  - *Perform venipuncture:*
    - *cephalic (dog, cat)**
    - *jugular (dog, cat)**
    - *saphenous (dog, cat)**
- ✓ *Environmental conditions: implement sanitation procedures for animal holding and housing areas**
- ✓ *Administer parenteral medications:*
  - *subcutaneous (dog, cat)**
  - *intramuscular (dog, cat)**
  - *intravenous (dog, cat)**
- ✓ Fluid therapy:

- *administer subcutaneous fluids**
- *place intravenous catheters (cephalic*, saphenous*)*
- *maintain and care for catheters**

- ✓ *Administer anesthetic-related drugs (injection, endotracheal tube, mask)**
- ✓ *Place endotracheal tubes in patients**
- ✓ *Prepare surgical site using appropriate aseptic techniques**
- ✓ *Position patient for common procedures**
- ✓ *Demonstrate proper operating room conduct and asepsis**
- ✓ *Record and maintain anesthesia records**
- ✓ *Suture removal**
- ✓ *Prepare surgical instruments and supplies**
- ✓ *Prepare gowns, masks, gloves, and drapes**
- ✓ *Operate and maintain autoclaves**
- ✓ *Sterilize instruments and supplies using appropriate methods**
- ✓ *Perform pre-surgical set-up**
- ✓ *Provide operating room sanitation and care**
- ✓ *Perform post-surgical clean-up (e.g., equipment, instruments, room, proper disposal of hazardous medical waste)**
- ✓ *Prepare, label, package, and store specimens for laboratory analysis**

Dress Code: Scheduled labs (includes any classroom time working with any animals or biological specimens), field trips where the student will be working with animals, and during clinic rotations and internship, VET students are required to meet a strict dress code. If the below dress code is not met, the student may be asked to leave until they are able to return in the proper attire. This could result in missing essential skill. See above policy regarding missed essential skills.

- ✓ Closed-toed shoes (sneakers or orthopedic clogs recommended or weatherproof boots recommended for large animal sites)
- ✓ Scrubs
  - Clean and neatly pressed, not faded, discolored or ripped, nor “see through"
  - Scrub pants must be of a length to cover the ankle but must not touch the floor to prevent contamination and promote infection control.
  - Long-sleeved scrub jacket or lab coat must be worn over scrubs when working with animals or animal specimens.
- ✓ Long hair will need to be pulled back and secured
- ✓ Fingernails
  - Should be kept short as possible for personal safety, hygiene, and dexterity
  - No acrylic nails permitted
  - If painted, freshly painted with no chips required. Clear or neutral colors recommended.
    - Exception: when assisting in surgery, no nail lacquer is permitted
- ✓ Minimal jewelry. Loose jewelry, such as hooped or dangling earrings, necklaces, and bracelets are prohibited. NOTE: Prior to participating in a surgical procedure, you may be asked to remove all jewelry.
- ✓ Avoid wearing strong perfume/cologne
- ✓ Avoid chewing gum
- ✓ Watch, with a second hand (may need to be removed depending on the procedure), a functional pen and a stethoscope should be readily available
- ✓ Clinic rotations and internships may have additional dress code requirements.

AI Restrictive Policy: Students cannot us AI tools such as ChatGPT on assignments in this course. All assignments should be prepared entirely by the student. Developing strong competencies in this area will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, AI-generated submissions are prohibited and will be treated as academic misconduct.

Cell Phones: Cell phone use is not permitted in class. A cell phone is not permitted to be carried on oneself during field trips, clinic rotations, or internships.

Communication: Announcements and emails are available through the blackboard system. Periodically check your ESCC email for class announcements. If there is an urgent message, announcements will be sent to all students via e-mail. Instructors usually check e-mail daily Monday through Friday. This is the easiest way to contact them with questions

or problems. The instructor will get back to you within 24-48 hours. If they have not responded within 48 hours, please email them again.

Edison State Community College Academic Honesty: Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course. Students who cheat or allow others to copy from their papers will receive a zero on the assignment in question. The ECC Academic Honesty Policy will be adhered to in this course. See the Student Handbook at https://www.edisonohio.edu/Student-Resources/

GRADING:

The following grading scale with be utilized in all VET courses.

Grade	Percentage	GPA Points
A	93-100	4.0
B	85-92	3.0
C	78-84	2.0
D	70-77	1.0
F	69 or less	0.00

DELIVERY METHOD:

Class Format	Class Time per Week	Study Time per Week	Total Time per Week	Length of Class	Total Time to Complete Course
Directed Practice	10 hours	0 hours	10 hours x	16 weeks =	160 hours

ACCOMMODATIONS /ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES POLICY
Edison State Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you believe you may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, contact the instructor privately with your self-identification letter. If you do not have a self-identification letter, contact Accessibility and Disability Support Services by emailing disabilities@edisonohio.edu or by calling 937.778.7850. Accessibility and Disability Support Services is located on the Piqua Campus in Room 160.

ADVISING SERVICES
Edison State's career pathway advisors are your partners in success. A career pathway advisor is the first advisor that you will meet with once you have made the decision to further your education. Together, you and your career pathway advisor will:

- Identify the right academic major to set you on your desired career path.
- Identify the courses you'll need to accomplish your academic goals.
- Help you develop a student plan tailored to your lifestyle and work schedule.
- Prepare you to navigate your first semester at Edison State.

You can find your career pathway advisor and faculty advisor information, including their email address, by logging into MyESCC and clicking on Student Planning. Go to Plan and Schedule and click on the Advising tab. You may also call 937-778-7850 to connect via phone call.

BOOKSTORE SERVICES
The Edison State Bookstore is here for all your educational supplies including textbooks, access codes, technology, and more! Online at https://edisonohio.ecampus.com

CAREER AND JOB SERVICES
Our Career and Job Services advisors are dedicated to helping students and alumni advance their professional development as they make career decisions, develop job search strategies, pursue experiential opportunities and secure employment. Career and Job Services also provides career assessments, career information, resume and cover letter

help, job postings and resources, tips for interviewing and more. Visit https://www.edisonohio.edu/Career-and-Job-Services/ for more information.

COMPUTERS
If you are working on campus, computers with internet access are available in the internet café. The Library and Tutoring Center has computers and printers available for your use.

STUDENT WELLNESS CENTER
College is stressful! Feeling burnt out, anxious, frustrated? When challenges arise, it's helpful to have someone to talk to. We have partnerships established with many local mental health providers and can connect you with area resources.

Support Services Available
Edison State has built a network of health professionals to support students. With these partnerships, the Student Wellness Center can assist students who need support in areas such as:

- Recovery and Counseling referral
- Housing
- Food
- Physical well-being

Information and Education
We also provide information and education on the topics of:

- Alcohol and drug abuse and prevention
- Sexual assault prevention and awareness
- Building healthy relationships
- Inclusion and belonging
- Survivor support
- Self-care
- Anti-Hazing

Getting Help
If you are struggling and need to speak with someone in person, please reach out to Dr. J. Passmore, Dean of Student Affairs, at jpassmore@edisonohio.edu, 937-778-7895, RM 160 (stop at the front desk).

Emergency Resources
If this is a medical emergency, please call 911. If this is a mental health emergency, please call 988.

LIBRARY SERVICES
The Edison State library is not only a comfortable place to study, we have an expansive collection of online resources available to help you with your research. Check out the library webpage here: https://www.edisonohio.edu/Library/. Libguides and short instructional videos are available to help you use these resources and can be found at: https://libguides.edisonohio.edu/. Please contact the library staff with any library questions you may have at library@edisonohio.edu, 937-778-7950, or stop in!

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER AND CHARGER STATION FOOD PANTRIES
Edison State Community College is proud to assist students needing help to obtain basic necessities. The Student Resource Center and Food Pantry is stocked with all kinds of grab-and-go snacks, meal supplies, toiletries, household needs, and community resources. Stop by and check out our Charger Stations in Room 060 at Piqua, in the student lounge at Troy, in the Brooke-Gould Learning Resource Center at Eaton, and in Room 121 (for personal care items) and pantry items in the student lounge at Greenville.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES
For Blackboard Assignment issues, the instructor should be the first point of contact.
For Log-in or other technology issues: There are several steps you can follow if you have issues logging in to Blackboard or Office.
During business hours:

- Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the "forgot password" prompts.
- Reach out for help during regular business hours (9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-4 Friday)
    - email to support@edisonohio.edu

- call 937-778-8600 and ask for IT Help Desk

After hours:

- Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts
- Go to www.edisonohio.edu into the Resources tab and click "IT Help Desk" then click "Chat".
- Call 937-778-7957 and talk to the off-campus Blackboard company to get help

TITLE IX STATEMENT - Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying

It is the policy of the College to maintain a learning environment free from bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual violence. Title IX federal law protects students, employees and third parties with a relationship to the college. All Edison State Community College employees are required to report all knowledge of incidents that violate the Title IX policy to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator immediately. Student and employee confidential consultation is available through the Coordinator of Health and Wellness Services.
Title IX Policy and procedure language as well as contact information for the Coordinator of Health and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator can be found at www.edisonohio.edu/TitleIX/.

TESTING YOUR FAITH ACT POLICY

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students’ beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/registration-records, located in “Forms” and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources.

TUTORING SERVICES

All Edison State students are eligible to receive free tutoring and learning support services through our Tutoring Center. Available services include Edison State tutors, both online and in-person, covering a wide variety of courses including various levels of math and paper reviews, online tutoring through OhioLINK eTutoring, distraction-reduced study rooms, and the use of Tutoring Center resources including subject-specific and general study guides. For more information on tutoring services, visit the Tutoring Center in the Library, email us at tutoringcenter@edisonohio.edu, call 937-778-7959, or visit our webpage at https://www.edisonohio.edu/tutoring-center/

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

For additional help, please click the ASSIST tab on Blackboard or the Edison State Student Resources folder within your course.