

SYLLABUS  
PART I  
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
VET 160S HUSBANDRY AND WELLNESS OF SMALL ANIMALS  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Overview of the basic husbandry of dogs and cats with a focus on wellness and preventive medicine. The course will introduce common breeds, proper grooming, and physical examination. Emphasis on completing proper handling/restraint, performing physical examinations, grooming, completing ocular diagnostic tests, and administering oral medication will be incorporated with 32 hours of hands-on experience. Prerequisite: VET 101S, VET 125S, VET 151S. Lab fee.

**COURSE GOALS**

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
3	1. Demonstrate and perform patient assessment techniques on dogs and cats in a safe and efficient manner.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9
3	2. Demonstrate effective and humane restraint techniques for dogs and cats.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9
1	3. Identify common breeds of dogs and cats.	1, 3
3	4. Collect subjective and objective patient data effectively and safely.	1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9
3	5. Demonstrate husbandry and grooming techniques to enhance wellness and reduce risk of disease, injury, and stress.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9
3	6. Demonstrate the ability to administer enteral and topical medications, including medicated shampoos, ear, and ophthalmic medications.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9
3	7. Demonstrate the proper technique for ocular diagnostic tests including tonometry, fluorescein staining, and Schirmer tear test.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9
2	8. Discuss normal and common canine and feline behavioral problems.	1, 2, 3, 6, 9

**CORE VALUES**

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison State Community College. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce those Core Values wherever appropriate.

**TOPIC OUTLINE**

1. Sanitation and infection control protocols
2. Common canine and feline breeds
3. Small animal identification methods and microchipping
4. Patient history
5. Therapeutic bathing and basic grooming of small animals
6. Physical examination
7. Humane restraint techniques
8. Common canine and feline behavioral problems
9. Trimming nails, expressing anal glands, and cleaning/medicating ears
10. Hand pilling
11. Administering topical and ophthalmic medications
12. Ocular diagnostic test (tonometry, fluorescein staining, and Schirmer tear test)