

**COURSE: VETA 1203 Avian and Exotic Animal Medicine**

**CRN:**

**CREDIT HOURS (Lecture/Lab/Total): 2/0/2**

**CONTACT HOUR (Lecture/Lab/Total): 30/0/30**

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Office:**

**Office Hours:**

**Class Location:**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A course designed to address exotic animal husbandry and disease, including avian, rodents (mice, rats, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, and chinchillas) rabbits, reptiles, amphibians and ferrets that are kept as pets.

**PREREQUISITES:** Successful completion of VETA 1101, VETA 1102, VETA 1103, VETA 1104, VETA 1109, and VETA 1110

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**: Students must demonstrate ability to meet the following technical/performance standards while receiving instruction outlined in each course syllabus:

* Demonstrate and perform patient assessment techniques in a variety of animal species.
* Understand the approach to providing safe and effective care for birds, reptiles, amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils and ferrets.

**ASSESSMENT MEASURES:**

• Homework assignments

• Participation/Attendance

• Exams, including a comprehensive final exam

• Projects

• Fear Free Avian Certification

## TEXTBOOK/S: *McCurnins Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians, 9e*

## SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT:

## Computer with internet access

## Printing & Scanning Capabilities

## Microsoft Office, Excel, and PowerPoint

**Program Dress Code:** Navy blue scrubs, Navy blue lab coat, NTCC Vet Tech Patch on Left shoulder

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Class attendance is the responsibility of the student. All students must be officially enrolled in any course that they attend. It is expected that students attend all classes and be on time. If an absence occurs, it is the responsibility of the student for making up examinations, obtaining lecture notes, and otherwise compensating for what may have been missed. Students who stop attending class and do not officially drop, withdraw, or resign from the college may receive a grade of “F” for all coursework missed. Absences affect performance in this course and do not reflect well on participation. No student may substitute the attendance of another student. ALL EXAMS are given on campus. You are required to come to campus, on scheduled exam date, for all exams given in this course.

**GRADING REQUIREMENTS:**

Students must complete this class with a 70% or better competency to obtain credit for this class.

* Homework/Assignments: 10%
* Attendance: 5%
* Quizzes/Participation: 15%
* Projects/Exams: 40%
* Final Exam: 30%

**GRADING SCALE:**

**100-90% A  
89-80% B  
79-70% C**  
69-60% D (Not a passing grade for progression within this curriculum)   
59-0% F

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT:** Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. Behavior that violates these standards is not acceptable. Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited and are subject to disciplinary actions established in the Student Code of Conduct. The instructor reserves the right to assign a grade of “F” on any type of assignment or examination based on evidence that the student has violated the Student Code of Conduct.

**STUDENT BEHAVIOR/CLASSROOM DECORUM:** Students are encouraged to discuss, inquire, and express their thoughts and views during class. Classroom behavior that interferes with either the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of students to benefit from the instruction is not acceptable. Students are required to turn off all cell phones or similar electronic devices (or place them on silent mode) before coming into the classroom. The instructor reserves the right to assign no credit for work on that day if a student talks or texts on a cell phone or similar electronic device. The classroom is not a place for children, and students are not to bring their family members into the classroom.

**DISABILITY CODE:** If you are a qualified student with a disability seeking accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are required to self-identify with the Student Affairs. No accommodations are granted without documentation authorized from Student Affairs.

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY:** The last day to withdraw from a course or resign from the college is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.** If you intend to withdraw from the course or resign from the college, you must initiate the action by logging into LoLA. The instructor will not withdraw you automatically.

**COMMUNICATION POLICY:** My.NorthshoreCollege.Edu is the official student email communication within Northshore Technical Community College. Therefore, the College has the right to send communications to students via their College email address and the right to expect that those communications will be received and read in a timely fashion. Every student is assigned a My.NorthshoreCollege.Edu. Students can redirect their College email address to an outside email provider. However, the College is not responsible for handling outside email providers, and redirecting their College email address does not absolve a student from their responsibilities associated with communication sent to their official College email address.

**COPYRIGHT POLICY:** Unless a student has obtained permission from the copyright holder, it is a violation of Copyright Law to print or photocopy chapters from a textbook that the student did not purchase. If the course requires the use of an electronic textbook, a student must look for a statement that allows for photocopying and/or printing of the eTextbook.

**NETIQUETTE POLICY:** This term is used to describe accepted, proper behavior on the Internet. Remember the following when communicating online (messages, discussion board, etc.):

* Never post profanity, racist, or sexist messages
* Be respectful of fellow students and instructors
* Never insult any person or their message content
* Never plagiarize or publish intellectual property
* Do not use text messaging abbreviations or slang
* Do not type in all CAPS (this is considered online yelling)

**\*\*BE SURE TO CHECK CANVAS FOR COMPLETE CLASS SCHEDULE AND IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO LOG ON TO CANVAS DAILY FOR ALL CLASS WORK AND ANY CHANGES THAT MAY APPEAR. \*\***

**Using LockDown Browser for Online Exams**

This course requires the use of LockDown Browser for online exams. Watch this short video to get a basic understanding of LockDown Browser and the optional webcam feature (which may be required for some exams).

Then download and install LockDown Browser from this link:

<https://download.respondus.com/lockdown/download.php?id=754648385>

To take an online test, start LockDown Browser and navigate to the exam. (You won't be able to access the exam with a standard web browser.) For additional details on using LockDown Browser, review this Student Quick Start Guide (PDF).

Finally, when taking an online exam, follow these guidelines:

* Select a location where you won't be interrupted
* Before starting the test, know how much time is available for it, and that you've allotted sufficient time to complete it
* Turn off all mobile devices, phones, etc. and don't have them within reach
* Clear your area of all external materials — books, papers, other computers, or devices
* Remain at your desk or workstation for the duration of the test
* LockDown Browser will prevent you from accessing other websites or applications; you will be unable to exit the test until all questions are completed and submitted