

**Northwestern CT Community College**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II

**Course #:** VET\* 202

**Course Description:** 4 credits. This course is the second semester of a two semester sequence designed to provide student with a broad foundation of the structure and function of the major animal species for students intending to pursue a career as a Veterinary Technician or continue on with their education in veterinary science or a related field.

This course investigates the structure and function of the animal body, for the most common species seen in veterinary practice, including companion animals, livestock, avian, laboratory animals and exotics. The laboratory component allows students to gain experience with the tools and techniques used to study the body on a macroscopic and microscopic level. Students will investigate the connections between the study of anatomy and physiology with clinical veterinary medical and surgical practice.

**Pre-requisite:** VET\* 201

**Goals:**

- Explore the structure and function of the body for the major animal species of veterinary importance.
- Recognize and employ veterinary-specific medical terminology as it applies to clinical veterinary practice.
- Emphasize connections between the study of anatomy and physiology with clinical veterinary medical and surgical practice.
- Share an awareness of current events and issues in veterinary medicine and surgery.
- Support the development of veterinary technology students as informed, competent and responsible members of the veterinary profession.

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

- Recognize, identify and describe the structure and function of the organ systems of the major animal species seen in veterinary clinical practice including companion animals, livestock, avian, exotic and laboratory species.
- Explain the regulatory processes involved in homeostasis.
- Demonstrate microscopy and dissection skills as they pertain to the cytology, histology and anatomy of companion animal species.
- Discuss and express and understanding of clinical applications of anatomy and physiology such as vaccination, diagnostic sampling and treatment techniques in various species.

Major sections of Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology II include:

- Blood & Lymph
- Immune System
- Cardiovascular System
- Respiratory System
- Gastrointestinal System
- Nutrients & Metabolism
- Renal-urinary System
- Reproductive System
- Avian Anatomy & Physiology
- Amphibian / Reptilian Anatomy & Physiology