

CLINICAL ROTATIONS I

Study Programme: MIMV Curricular Year 3rd Semester 5th Compulsory Credits: 1.0 ECTS

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1. CONTACT HOURS:

Practicals - 8 h Tutorials - 4 h Total - 12 h

2. OBJECTIVES:

To begin student's exposure to client pets at the Faculty Hospital; to develop a set of attitudes adjusted to work in a hospital environment; to improve their veterinary communication skills and teamwork; to promote organizational abilities as well as to incur liabilities.

3. PROGRAMME:

Clinical Rotations I takes place throughout the year, including weekends, holidays, periods of exams and vacations in 3-hour periods at the Faculty Hospital. The activities are planned for teams of 6 students. Each team must accomplish 2 periods of 3 hours per semester at the Companion Animal Hospital, plus 1 period of 2 hours per semester at the Isolation Unit of Infectious Diseases of the Animal Hospital, resulting on 8 hours/student/semester. The students will follow closely four Hospital Departments: Hospital Consultation; Diagnostic Imaging, Internment, Isolation Unit of Infectious Diseases.

Students will be tutored by the team of veterinary surgeons working on the Faculty Hospital. They will follow the procedures carried out by the veterinary surgeons and will perform simple tasks that will be validated on their log books by the veterinary surgeon on duty on that period of the day.

Students will also assist to a 1st module of training on "Veterinary communication skills" (4 seminars).

4. BIBLIOGRAFY

Handouts and other documents.

Gray C. et al. (2010). *Handbook of veterinary communication skills*, Willey-Blackwell Publishing.

5. ASSESSMENT:

Each student is assessed according to the following criterion:

1. A written exam. Only students with $\leq 1/5$ of absences will be allowed to take the exam. This means that only 1 absence is tolerated at the cycle of seminars. Topics to assess will be those discussed at the seminars plus a short list of scientific articles;
2. It is required 100% assiduity on hospital shifts;
3. An absence at one seminar will be penalized with 0.5 marks.

To compute the final mark the hospital shifts account for 5 values (25% of the final mark); attending seminars accounts for 2.5 values (12.5% of the final mark) and the written exam accounts for 12.5 values (62.5% of the final mark). Therefore, a student with 14 (out of 20) on the written exam and 1 absence at the seminars: $(14 \times 0.625) + (2.5 - 0.5) + 5 = 8.75 + 2 + 5 = 15.75$, the final mark will be 16 (out of 20).