

CLINICAL ROTATIONS I

Code: 90029 Curricular Year 3rd Semester 5th Compulsory Credits: 1.0 ECTS
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1. CONTACT HOURS:

Practical - 9 h Seminars - 7 h Total - 16 h

2. OBJECTIVES:

To begin student's exposure to "real" clinical cases at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH); to develop a set of attitudes adjusted to work in a hospital environment; to improve oral communication skills and teamwork; to promote organizational abilities as well as to incur liabilities.

3. PROGRAMME:

Clinical Rotations I takes place from Monday to Thursday in 3-hour periods at the Faculty Hospital. The activities are planned for groups of 6 students. Each group must accomplish 2 periods of 3 hours per semester resulting on 6 hours/student/semester, after taking a 2-hour session about VTH organization and characteristics.

The 6 students in each group will be subdivided into two groups of 3 students who will assist one VTH clinician.

Clinical Rotations I also take place from Monday to Friday at the Infectious Diseases Isolation Unit of VTH (IDIU) for groups of 4 students. Each student must complete a period of 3 hours at IDIU, after taking a training session of 2 hours.

Students will keep up with teachers, practitioners, nurses and trainees activities and will perform basic procedures such as: (i) lead owners and animals to the consultation rooms; (ii) animal weighing; (iii) place pets on the examination table; (iv) animal handling; (v) body temperature reading; (vi) transport of biological samples to specific diagnosis laboratories; (vii) guide animal owners to the VTH Reception; (viii) computer update of individual clinical files; (ix) develop communication skills with client and with all the professionals working at the VTH. To this end, they will attend the 1st Communication Module for Veterinarians, which will be constituted by three 1-hour seminars.

4. ASSESSMENT:

Each student is assessed according to the following criterion:

- 1.** A written exam. Topics to assess will be those discussed at the seminars plus a short list of scientific papers;
- 2.** It is required 100% assiduity on VTH and IDIU shifts;
- 3.** Each absence in a seminar will penalize 0.5 values in the mark obtained in the final exam.