

CLINICAL ROTATIONS I

Code: 90029 Curricular Year 3rd Semester 5th Compulsory Credits: 1.0 ECTS

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1. CONTACT HOURS:

Practical - 6 h Seminars - 4 h Tutorials - 20 h Total - 30 h

2. OBJECTIVES:

To begin student's exposure to "real" clinical cases at the Faculty Hospital; 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:

THEORETICAL: 1st cycle of seminars on Communication for Veterinarians (4 hours).

PRACTICAL: classes take place at the Teaching Hospital from Monday to Friday in 3-hour periods. 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. The 6 students will follow closely three Hospital Departments: Hospital Consultation (N=2); Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging (N=2) and Internment (N=2). In each training session the three pairs of two students move round the three departments.

Classes taking place at the Isolation and Biological Containment Unit (UICB) of the Teaching Hospital, also take place from Monday to Friday, in periods of two hours, for groups of 4 students. Each student must complete 1 period of 3 hours/semester at UICB.

Students will keep up with teachers, practitioners 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 hospital reception; (viii) computer update of individual clinical files; etc.

4. ASSESSMENT:

Each student is assessed according to the following criterion:

1. A written exam. Only students with 4/5 of attendance in practical classes are eligible for the final exam. Topics to assess will be those discussed at the seminars plus a list of scientific articles;
2. It is required 100% assiduity on hospital shifts;
3. Each absence at a seminar will be penalized with 0.5 marks till a maximum of 1 mark.