



**DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY**  
**COURSE OUTLINE – AH 243**  
**LABORATORY AND EXOTIC ANIMALS – 2014**

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**HOURS:** As posted

**PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:**  
Students must complete and pass AH 144 & 172

**REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:**  
Sheldon, *Animal Restraint for Veterinary Professionals*, Mosby, 2006

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**  
Students will learn basic husbandry, common nursing care procedures and diseases of rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles and other exotic animals. Human health implications of handling and working with these animals will be discussed. Students will gain knowledge of regulations and protocols involved in working with laboratory and exotic animals.

**CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:**  
**Course Code:** AH243  
**Course Title:** Laboratory and Exotic Animals  
**Hours:** 40  
**Credits:** 2.5

## **DELIVERY MODE(S):**

Lecture, guest speakers and lab

## **EXAMINATIONS:**

<b>A.</b> Quizzes	25%
<b>B.</b> Projects/Assignments	20%
<b>C.</b> Lab Animal Sanitation	5%
<b>D.</b> Lab Final	20%
<b>E.</b> Theory Final	30%
	<b>100%</b>

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **Student Equipment & Supplies**

- Lab Coat for all labs
- Hair tied back for all labs
- Short fingernails for all labs

Enrolment at GPRC assumes that the student will become a responsible citizen of the College. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, take pride in and assist in the maintenance and preservation of college property, and assume responsibility for his/her education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting instructor expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

Students must achieve a minimum passing grade of 60% in this course to pass AH243 Laboratory and Exotic Animals. Regular attendance for lecture is recommended to assure student success. There is no opportunity to rewrite the final examinations.

Attendance is mandatory for labs, sanitation rotations and guest speakers. A 5% deduction for each incidence, off final mark will occur if a student has an unexcused absence from a lab, sanitation duty or guest speaker. A 0% grade will be given for any late assignments, projects or missed quizzes.

Having a valid reason for missing a lecture, lab or quiz/exam does not change the student's responsibility to acquire the information that was missed nor your obligation to complete required assignments/reports/quizzes/exams by the date required. Missed labs/guest speakers are not available for make-up.

½ marks will be deducted for spelling errors of medical terminology. Please treat all exams, quizzes and assignments as medical records and only correct answers using medical corrections. Illegible writing will result in deducted marks. No electronic devices are to be used in exams or quizzes. Having an electronic device present during an exam or quiz will result in dismissal from class and an automatic 0% for that test.

A valid reason requires prior notification of the instructor and acceptable third party written note (doctor, etc.). Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the instructor.

For your safety and the safety of others there will be zero tolerance of anyone showing up for the sessions under the influence of alcohol or other medications which may cause physical impairment or disruptive behavior. If you are on a standard or prescribed medication, please consult with your instructor prior to the session. Sessions missed for the above reasons will also be considered as missed without a valid excuse and result in a 5% deduction of final mark for every session missed.

**TRANSFERABILITY:**

\*\* Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

<b>GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE</b>			
<b>GRADING CONVERSION CHART</b>			
<b>Alpha Grade</b>	<b>4-point Equivalent</b>	<b>Percentage Guidelines</b>	<b>Designation</b>
<b>A<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>90 – 100</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>85 – 89</b>	
<b>A<sup>-</sup></b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>80 – 84</b>	<b>FIRST CLASS STANDING</b>
<b>B<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>77 – 79</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>73 – 76</b>	<b>GOOD</b>
<b>B<sup>-</sup></b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>70 – 72</b>	
<b>C<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>67 – 69</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>63 – 66</b>	
<b>C<sup>-</sup></b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>60 – 62</b>	<b>MINIMAL PASS*</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>55 – 59</b>	<b>FAIL</b>
	<b>1.0</b>	<b>50 – 54</b>	
	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0 – 49</b>	
<b>WF</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline</b>

\*overall grade average has to be 2.0 or higher to be successful in the program.

## **STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at [www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/\\*\\*](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/**)

\*\*Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:**

- A. Legislation and Regulation of Animal Research**
- B. Rodents**
- C. The Rabbit**
- D. Reptiles and Amphibians**
- E. Avian**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Competency lists are required to be completed by all students to receive a passing mark for AH243. Lab time is provided to complete competency list. It is up to each individual student to ensure their competencies have been completed and checked off by an instructor in the allotted time. Refer to the competency list document for further information.

Created by: Rhonda Shaw

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