

**Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Missouri
Course Syllabus**

Course Name: Community Practice – off site elective – Elm Point Animal Hospital

Course Number: VMS 6710 Small Animal Community Practice

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Prerequisite or co-requisite course(s) required or recommended

The student must have completed and passed the pre-clinical curriculum.

Rotation Description (2 elective credit hours)

Students will:

- Be immersed in the multiple, practical facets and skill areas of a small animal, general practice to include vaccinology, infectious diseases, parasitology, nutrition, communications, dentistry, dermatology, preventative care, routine surgery, business, dealing with common illnesses and aspects of animal behavior.
- Develop skills in dealing with clients to include verbal and written communications
- Develop skills in animal handling and physical examination
- Participate in preventive health care protocols
- Perform medical and behavioral assessments

General Expectations for Student Citizenship on the Extramural Elective Rotation

- Case care/treatments as permitted/expected by the practice
- Participate in clinical case rounds as available
- Assist with appointments, diagnostic workups, and treatments
- Assist in surgery and observe when not scrubbed for procedures
- Complete medical records when appropriate
- Complete discharge summaries
- Act professionally and ethically always

Minimum time allocation expectations follow:

You are expected to be present by/before 8:00 AM on assigned workdays. You will not be assigned to work the Monday of block change, but orientation will be the first day beginning at noon. Students will typically be assigned four 10-hour workdays per week, but the schedule may vary depending on clinic needs.

Typical two-week schedule (may change due to weather or holidays).

First Mon orientation: noon

Tues-Friday 9-5pm

Sat/Sunday off

2nd week: M-Thurs – 9-5pm

Friday – Sunday off

NOTE: For students on rotations over a holiday they will be emailed an individual schedule. Saturday hours may be assigned to meet rotational goals and depending on the clinic need.

Quitting time each day depends on completing your daily duties and helping the clinicians finish their daily responsibilities. You must check with the clinicians and technicians before leaving each day.

Location/Housing

Elm Point Animal Hospital is in St. Charles, MO and is an ~90-minute drive from Columbia. Students could commute each day or obtain housing in the St. Charles/St. Louis area. If you need housing, please e-mail Dr. Michael Little at the above email address for special arrangements. There are no emergency duties and no assigned duties on OFF days so that students may return to the Columbia area.

Grading Policy

Grading in the VMS 6710 extramural community practice rotation is performed by the supervising veterinarian and forwarded to the course instructional leader for official recording at MU. 100% of the grade will be based on subjective performance in the following categories.

Component	Grade weight
Local Subjective Assessment: This is done by veterinarians and technicians that work with you. Areas considered include Clinical Knowledge and Skills, Problem Solving Skills, Data Gathering Skills, Medical Records Skills, Procedural Skills, Comprehensive treatment Planning, Case Follow Up, Communication Skills, Relationship with Pets/Pet Owner, Professional Relationships/Ethical Conduct, Animal Care, Attendance and Punctuality, Overall Initiative, Attitude, Professionalism, Animal Care, Attendance and Punctuality, Overall Initiative and Attitude	100
Professionalism:	Pass/Fail

Animal Care, Attendance and Punctuality, Overall Initiative, Attitude and Communication	
Overall Grade	100%

Grading scale: A=89.50-100%, B=79.50-89.49%, C=69.50-79.49%, D=59.50-69.49%, F<59.49%
Failure in the Professionalism category will result in an F grade for the rotation regardless of other performance.

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Academic dishonesty in will warrant an “F” in the course and a report to the Honor Code Committee.

Students with Disabilities: If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need to plan in case the building must be evacuated, please let me know as soon as possible. Please see me privately after class, or in my office (Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center, Rm. 324C) or email me with information or to make an appointment.

If disability related accommodations are necessary (for example, a note taker, extended time on exams, captioning), please establish an accommodation plan with the Disability Center (disabilitycenter.missouri.edu, S5 Memorial Union, 573- 882-4696), and then notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. For other MU resources for persons with disabilities, visit ada.missouri.edu.

Departmental policy for student participation in clinical rotations

One of the missions of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital is to provide high quality clinical training for our students. The VMTH also serves to provide excellent service to its clients and care to its animal patients. The responsibilities given to a student on a clinical rotation may be tailored by the clinician based on the clinical situation and the assessed competence and behavior of the student. Students will be given guidance and feedback to help them improve their performance during a rotation. However, a student’s participation in a clinical rotation may be significantly restricted when a student does not make sufficient progress during a rotation, and especially when the student’s actions (or inactions) compromise his/her personal safety or the safety of personnel during the rotation or put an animal into an inhumane or life-threatening situation.

Should a student’s participation in a clinical rotation be significantly restricted, it is likely that clinical activity will be supplemented with academic projects related to the subject of the clinical rotation. Moreover, when activity is restricted, the student should understand that it will most likely be associated with assignment of an unsatisfactory grade (as outlined by individual course guidelines).

Intellectual Pluralism

The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions or concerns regarding the atmosphere in this class (including respect for diverse opinions) may contact the Departmental Chair or Divisional Director; the Director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities (<http://osrr.missouri.edu/>) or the MU Equity Office (equity@missouri.edu; <http://equity.missouri.edu/>) All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.

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