COURSE OUTLINE
VSCT 206 – ANESTHETIC PRINCIPLES

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A. **TITLE:** Anesthetic Principles

B. **COURSE NUMBER:** VSCT 206

C. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3

D. **WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE:** No

E. **COURSE LENGTH:** 15 weeks

F. **SEMESTER(S) OFFERED:** Fall

G. **HOURS OF LECTURE, LABORATORY, RECITATION, TUTORIAL, ACTIVITY:**
   3 lecture hours per week

H. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**
   This course is an introduction to anesthetic principles as they relate to animal medical and surgical care. The student will be presented with information on basic preanesthetic agents, anesthetic agents, and anesthetic monitoring devices. Special anesthetic techniques used on dogs, cats, horses, ruminants and swine will be covered as well rodents and other more exotic species. Students will be presented with the potential human and animal hazards associated with anesthetic drugs. CPR and the recognition and treatment of emergency situations will be addressed. Pain control and analgesics commonly used in multi-modal pain treatment will be covered.

I. **PRE-REQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**
   a. Pre-requisite(s): VSCT 114 and VSCT 115
   b. Co-requisite(s): None

J. **GOALS (STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES):**
   By the end of this course, the student will be able to:

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<td>Accurately calculate anesthetic drug dosages for animals when given the</td>
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<td>appropriate information.</td>
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<td>Discuss the various preanesthetic drugs and the pros and cons of each.</td>
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<td>List the commonly used veterinary anesthetic drugs (injectable &amp; inhalant) and</td>
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<td>discuss their characteristics and their uses.</td>
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<td>Describe the stages and planes of anesthesia.</td>
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<td>Trace a molecule of gas through an anesthetic machine.</td>
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Discuss alternative induction modalities such as mask/chamber induction.

Discuss anesthetic hazards and emergency protocols.

Discuss & perform the proper method of endotracheal intubation.

Describe how to perform CPR.

Operate and discuss the use of monitoring devices such as the pulse oximeter and the EKG machine.

Recognize signs of pain and common drugs used in pain management.

Discuss various drugs used or avoided with exotic animals.

K. TEXTS:


L. REFERENCES: NA

M. EQUIPMENT: NA

N. GRADING METHOD: A/F

O. MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:

- Exams
- Quizzes

P. DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE: (must use the outline format listed below)

I. Drug Calculations
   A. Review stoichiometric and ratio methods of calculating drug dosages
   B. Required Math Test

II. Introduction to Anesthesia
   A. Local vs. general anesthesia
   B. Inherent risks of all anesthesia
   C. The technician's role in the practice of anesthesia
III. Patient Preparation
   A. The pre-anesthetic evaluation
   B. Anesthetic risk categories
   C. Basal Metabolic Rate and influencing factors

IV. Preanesthetic Drugs & Adjuncts
   A. The anti-colinergic drugs
   B. Tranquilizers used in veterinary medicine
   C. Opioid drugs used in veterinary medicine

V. Anesthetic Drugs/ Induction Agents
   A. Cyclohexamine drugs
   B. Propofol
   C. Barbiturates
   D. Other categories

VI. Anesthetic Monitoring
   A. Endotracheal Intubation
   B. Stages & planes of anesthesia
   C. Monitoring reflexes
   D. Monitoring HR, RR, BP and temperature under anesthesia

VII. Gas Anesthesia
   A. Anesthetic gas used in veterinary medicine & their properties
   B. The gas anesthesia machine
   C. Vaporizers
   D. Rebreathing and non-rebreathing systems

VIII. Special Techniques
   A. Local anesthesia
   B. Mask induction
   C. Chamber induction

IX. Monitoring Equipment
   A. Pulse Oximeter
   B. Capnograph
   C. EKG
   D. Doppler Unit
   E. Fluid Pump and other devices

X. Special Considerations with Equine Anesthesia
   A. Drug Protocols
   B. Monitoring the equine patient
   C. Recovering the equine patient

XI. Special Consideration with Ruminant & Swine Anesthesia
   A. Drug Protocols
   B. Nerve blocks used for ruminant anesthesia
   C. Swine anesthesia
   D. Common surgical procedures of ruminants & swine
XII. Rodent, Rabbit and Exotic Anesthesia
   A. Drugs commonly used in these species
   B. Special considerations with anesthesia in these species.

XIII. Emergency and Critical Care
   A. Identifying emergencies
   B. Triage for veterinary patients
   C. Critical care nursing
   D. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation procedure
   E. Emergency drugs and uses
   F. Shock: signs and origins
   G. Fluid therapy
   H. Other hazards of anesthesia

XIV. Analgesia
   A. The role of the technician as a patient advocate
   B. Physiology of pain
   C. Assessment of pain in different species
   D. Drugs & modalities for the control of pain

XV. Troubleshooting Anesthetic Problems
   A. Avoiding anesthetic problems
   B. Risk Factors that can complicate anesthetic procedures

Q. **LABORATORY OUTLINE:** NA