

VETERINARY CANNABIS GUIDE (VCG)

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• COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides 8 weeks of self-paced learning, facilitated discussion, forum and educational resources, and small-group mentorship to non-medical professionals seeking certification as a Veterinary Cannabis Guide. After completion of the self-paced learning and live webinar discussion portion of this course, students will solidify learned principles through a written examination and an independently conducted product review.

The goal of this course is to provide both non-medical professionals with information about the safe and effective use of cannabis in veterinary species.

• METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

New subject material is presented in a flipped classroom format with recorded lectures, reading assignments, and quizzes made available prior to facilitated live discussions via webinar.

A VC Counselor provides mentorship to groups of 8-12 enrolled students throughout the course. An online discussion forum is also available for students to interact with their colleagues and the greater VC Guide community throughout the length of the course.

After completion of the classroom portion of the curriculum, a written exam and a product evaluation compilation of learned material and the development of practitioner skills.

• ENROLLMENT PRE-REQUISITES

1. Age: 21 years or older at the start of class
2. Education & Experience: 2 years of animal and/or cannabis industry experience
3. Professional Recommendations: Two signed letters of recommendation
 - a. One letter from a veterinary professional
 - b. One letter from a professional colleague

• COURSE OBJECTIVES

Objective 1: Introduce the endocannabinoid system at a practical level

Objective 2: Discuss historical and current legal issues concerning *Cannabis* and the veterinary community

Objective 3: Introduce the concept of Harm Reduction Education (HRE) and its important implications in cannabis medicine

Objective 4: Develop a functional understanding of the endogenous and exogenous cannabinoids on diverse body systems

Objective 5: Introduce principles of product evaluation for safety and efficacy



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- **CURRICULUM OUTLINE**

Module 1 – Introduction to the Endocannabinoid System (ECS)

Module 2 – Plant Biology and Cultivation

Module 3 – Cannabis Timeline and legal Policy

Module 4 – Interacting with the Veterinary Team

- **COURSE COMPLETION & EVALUATION**

Attendance at four, 90-min, live webinars (webinars are held every 2 weeks)

Participation in forum discussions throughout course

Written Evaluation (due within 30 days of completion of webinars)

One (1) Product Evaluation (due within 30 days of completion of webinars)

- **TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED TOOLS OR SUPPLIES**

Required textbooks: None. Relevant articles and/or online resources will be made available to students.

Supplies and/or tools: None.

- **CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) & RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS**

There is no continuing education (CE) or renewal requirements for the VC Guide certification.

