



Veterinary Cannabis Guide

Syllabus

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 (VCG). After completion of the self-paced learning and live webinar classroom discussion portion of this course, students will apply learned principles through a written examination and an independently conducted product review.

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

Method of Instruction

This course is structured using a Flipped Classroom model of instruction.

New subject material is presented in a self-paced learning format with recorded lectures, reading assignments and projects. Each of the four modules consists of pre-class work and a facilitated live discussion via webinar. Students will review course material in preparation for live classroom discussions via webinar.

Live classroom webinars occur via Zoom every 2 weeks during the course to allow students time to work through assignments and be prepared to participate in the discussion. Attendance at all four (4) live classroom webinars is required.

A VCCounselor or VCGuide graduate provides mentorship to groups of 8-12 currently enrolled students throughout the course.

An online discussion forum is also available for students to interact with their colleagues and the larger VCGuide 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 learned skills.

Pre-requisites

1. Age: Applicants must be 21+ years at the start of class
2. Education & Experience: 2 years of animal and/or cannabis industry experience
1. 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

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

Graduation Requirements

Students will earn a Veterinary Cannabis Guide (VCG) certification after successfully completing the following:

1. Attend four (4) 90 minute, live webinar sessions (attendance at every webinar is required), webinars occur every 2 weeks
2. Participate in forum discussions throughout course
3. Successfully pass a Written Evaluation (due within 30 days of completing webinars)
4. Complete one (1) Product Evaluation (due within 30 days of completing webinars)

Textbook(s) & Required Tools or Supplies

Required textbooks: None.

- Relevant articles and/or online resources will be made available to students.

Supplies and/or tools:

- Internet-connect computer or smartphone

Continuing Education (CE) & Renewal Requirements

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