



ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

General information			
Denominazione del Corso Integrato	OBSTETRIC AND ANDROLOGICAL CLINIC		
Moduli didattici integrati	Andrology; Obstetric clinic;		
	Practical obstetric clinic activity.		
Corso di studio	Veterinary Medicine LM42		
Anno di corso	V		
ECTS	9 (lectures: 5 ECTS; practical training: 4 ECTS)		
Lingua di erogazione	Italian		
Periodo di erogazione	I 7- weeks period		
Obbligo di frequenza	yes		

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Headquarters	Campus of Veterinary Medicine, S.P. 62 per Casamassima km 3, 70010 Valenzano			
Virtual Headquarter	Microsoft Teams manca codice			
Tutoring (time and day)	Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 13:30 – 15:30			

Syllabus	
Learning Objectives	The learning objectives will consist in providing the theoretical and practical tools aimed at carrying out an obstetric-gynaecological-andrological examination, diagnosing some of the main pathologies of the female and male genital system and being able to carry out pharmacological and surgical therapy relating to the reproductive system.
Course prerequisites	Prerequisites: Obstetric and Reproductive Pathology; Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology. The student must have acquired knowledge of obstetrics, reproductive pathology and pharmacology and skills related to the use of drugs.





Contents of the teaching	The module concerns the area Clinical Sciences	
module: Obstetric Clinic	Introduction to the course: Description of the specific training objectives	
	of the teaching, its place in the training of the Veterinarian and methods	
Teacher:	of teaching delivery, as well as the methods and criteria for assessing the	
Annalisa RIZZO	knowledge, skills and minimum skills to be achieved.	
Lectures	Dystocias in the different species: Classification of dystocias and modus operandi to solve them	
ECTS: 3	 Caesarean section: Indications and modus operandi in the different species 	
Hours: 39	 Complications of delivery in different species: postpartum pathologies and related medical and / or surgical therapies 	
	 Involution of the uterus: Involution of the uterus and drugs that interfere 	
	with the process	
	 Metritis and pyometra: etiopathogenesis, diagnosis, prognosis and 	
	therapy of metritis and pyometra	
	Pathologies of the ovary in different species: Pathologies of the ovary and	
	related medical and / or surgical therapies	
	Eclampsia and pseudo-pregnancy: etiopathogenesis, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy of eclampsia and pseudopregnancy.	
	Drugs to induce abortion	
	Ovariectomy and ovariohysterectomy: Anesthesia and modus operandi	
	of the sterilization procedure	
	Repeat breeder: etiopathogenesis, diagnosis, prognosis and therapy of repeat breeders.	
	repeat breeders.Reproductive management of cattle, horses, sheep and goats and pigs	
	 Basic principles of ultrasound examination and uses in reproduction 	
	 Therapies used in the reproductive field 	
Practical activities	Obstetric-gynecological examination, initially on simulator models of bovine and	
	later on bovines in different farms; ovariectomy and ovariohysterectomy on	
ECTS: 1	animals cadavers (dog and/or cats), after the students will be involved in the daily	
	practice of the clinic and of the surgery, on pet animals, on farm animals, on	
Hours: 20	equines and on unconventional animals.	
Contents of the teaching	The module concerns the area Clinical Sciences	
module:	 Andrological evaluation of the male: direct and instrumental clinical tests, 	
Andrology	laboratory methods for semen analysis	
07	 Testicular biopsy, chromosomal aberration 	
Teacher:	Congenital and acquired dysfunctions of the testis and epididymis	
Mario CINONE	 Congenital and acquired anomalies of the penis, prepuce and scrotum 	
	Prostatitis, benign prostatic hyperplasia, seminal accessory gland	
Lectures	infections	
ECTS: 2	Diagnostic and therapeutic approach to male infertility	
	Impotentia coeundi and generandi.	
Hours: 26	Impotentia coeundi e generandi.	
Contents of the teaching	The module concerns the area Clinical Sciences	
module:		

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Practical obstetric clinic	 Obstetric, gynecological and andrological surgery of the main pathologies
activity	of the male and female genital system in dogs and cats; Ultrasound diagnostics of dog and cat genital pathologies; Oestrus monitoring
Teachers:	techniques in dogs and cats; Evaluation of semen and artificial
Annalisa RIZZO	insemination techniques. Clinical therapies for the reproductive
Giulio Guido AIUDI	pathologies of small animals.
Mario CINONE	Obstetric-gynecological and andrological clinical visits in farm animals; dystocias resolution on bovine simulator; obstetric-gynecological-
Practical activities	andrological surgery in the field; anesthetic and therapeutic protocols,
ECTS: 3	for the various pathologies found in the field; health management of the
Hours: 60	main reproductive diseases of farm animals

Biosecurity rules for the	The access to the clinics of the Veterinary Hospital is allowed only to students with
attendance of practical	greens. In farms and in activities with livestock, safety boots are mandatory. All
activities.	students must have read the biosafety manual.

Personal study material		
Books and bibliography	Noakes D.E., Parkinson T.J., England G.C.W. Arthur's Veterinary Reproduction &	
	Obstetrics, 10th edition, 2018.	
	Jackson P. G. G.: Manuale di Ostetricia Veterinaria. Ed. Grasso, Bologna, 1999.	
	Feldman E.C., Nelson R.W. Canine and feline endocrinology and reproduction, 3rd	
	edition, Saunders, 2003.	
Additional materials	Lecture notes on TEAMS	

Work schedule				
Hours				
Total	Lectures		Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Self learning
225	65		80	80
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Teaching strategy	The teaching will mainly consist of lectures which will be accompanied by active
	learning methods, such as problem solving and the study of clinical cases, in order
	to integrate information and facilitate learning.
	The entire teaching process will be implemented through iconic, verbal and graphic
	communication models, making use of the resources and educational technologies
	available, concerning different aspects of the obstetric and andrological clinic.
	Self Learning activities are provided through the use of videos available to students
	on the Teams platform and self-assessment tests provided by teachers.
	During the hours of practice, the students, divided into small groups, will use
	simulation models for rectal explorations and dystocia, to facilitate the acquisition
	of skills and competences. In addition, students will perform gonadectomy
	surgeries on animal corpses (dogs and / or cats) beforehand and, subsequently, will
	be involved in the daily practice of the clinic and sector surgery, both on small
	animals and on livestocks animals, on equines and unconventional animals.
	Students will also carry out laboratory activities for the evaluation of semen and the
	cycle of females; hormonal and oxidative state dosages.
	The practical activities will be held in the clinics, laboratories and stables of the





obstetric clinic section of the Veterinary Hospital, in the teaching laboratory and at the farm. At the beginning of the course, students will be divided into groups of 8, for the development of in-depth papers on topics related to the course. During all hours of practice, students will be followed and guided by the teacher and collaborators.

Expected learning outcomes			
Knowledge and understanding on:	At the end of the course, the student will acquire knowledge and understanding of: • etiology, pathogenesis, clinical signs, diagnosis and treatment of reproductive diseases of the most common animal species (DOC 2.5) • Responsible use of drugs, including the use of antimicrobials (DOC 2.8)		
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	 At the end of the course, the student must be able to: Apply the principles of biosecurity correctly (DOC 1.28) Collect, store and transport semen samples, select appropriate diagnostic tests, interpret and understand the limitations of test results (DOC 1.21) Conduct a thorough clinical examination and demonstrate ability in clinical decision making (DOC 1.17). Understand and apply principles of clinical governance, and practise evidence-based veterinary medicine (DOC 1.9). Understand the contribution that imaging and other diagnostic techniques can make in achieving a diagnosis. Use basic imaging equipment and carry out an examination effectively as appropriate to the case, in accordance with good health and safety practice and current regulations. (DOC 1.23) Develop appropriate treatment plans and administer treatment in the interests of the animals under their care with regard to the resources available (DOC 1.18). Prescribe and dispense medicines correctly and responsibly in accordance with legislation and latest guidance (DOC 1.26). Communicate clearly and collaborate with referral and diagnostic services, including providing an appropriate history (DOC 1.22) 		
Soft skills	 Making informed judgments and choices Be able to review and evaluate literature and presentations critically (DOC 1.8). Understanding of, and competence in, the logical approaches to both scientific and clinical reasoning, the distinction between the two, and the strengths and limitations of each (DOC 2.1) Ability to critically analyze the operating procedures of a process (diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic) Ability to propose solutions in problematic situations Communicating knowledge and understanding Work effectively as a member of a multi-disciplinary team in the delivery of services (DOC 1.6.) Communicate effectively with clients, the public, professional colleagues and responsible authorities, using language appropriate to the audience concerned and in full respect of confidentiality and privacy (DOC 1.4) Capacities to continue learning Demonstrate an ability of lifelong learning and a commitment to learning and professional development. This includes recording and reflecting on 		





	professional experience and taking measures to improve performance and competence (DOC 1.13)
Summary of the competences	Competences:
that the integrated course	1.4
concurs to let the students	1.6
acquire (Day One	1.8
Competences) as scheduled by	1.9
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	1.17
	1.18
	1.21
	1.22
	1.23
	1.26
	1.28
	2.1
	2.5
	2.8

Assessment and feedback	
Methods of assessment	The examination of the integrated course of "Obstetrics and Andrology Clinic" allows for the acquisition of 9 of the credits required by the study plan. The exam includes a partial test of the modules of "Obstetric Clinic", "Andrology" and "Practical obstetric clinic activity". The ECTSs are considered acquired only after passing the three modules and registering on the ESSE3 portal.
Evaluation criteria	 Knowledge and understanding: The verification of the results achieved will be conducted:
Criteria for assessment and	The results of the Obstetric Clinic, Andrology and Practical Clinical Obstetric Activity
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attribution of the final mark	tests will contribute to the definition of the final grade of the Obstetrics and
	Andrology Clinic exam.
	The final grade is the result of the collegial judgment relating to the three partial
	tests in which the student must demonstrate that he/she has acquired a critical
	sense of the topics studied. The final evaluation, expressed out of thirty, will be
	considered passed with a grade equal to or greater than 18 and will take into
	consideration not only the accuracy of the answer, but also the communication
	skills, clarity of presentation, disciplinary competence, and the level of detail.
	The oral exam is usually inspired by the presentation of a clinical case, supported by
	the evaluation of images and / or videos. The student is asked to collect the
	anamnesis, formulate a list of differential diagnoses and to discuss which elements
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	are in favor and which against the various hypotheses advanced, and to suggest the
	ways in which to reach the definitive diagnosis and the setting of a possible
	therapy. During the exam, students should know how to perform rectal and vaginal
	exploration on bovine simulators, recognize dystocia present and know how to
	resolve it. In addition, students will have to discuss the in-depth papers developed
	during the course. The same will be evaluated by the teacher before the exam and will contribute to the final grade.
	Laudem will be considered only if the student, in addition to responding adequately
	to all the questions, argues them with extreme precision, excellent exposure and appropriate use of terminology.
	Particular attention is paid to the use of an adequate vocabulary and to the
	student's ability to think transversally and to connect the notions of the various
	parts of the teaching with each other and with the information deriving from the
	courses of previous years.
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