



## ANS 222: Humane Euthanasia Seminar

This course covers the principles and practices of humane euthanasia as outlined by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Topics include effective and humane euthanasia concepts, methods of euthanasia, the necessity for euthanasia, the related personal and professional stress, understanding the grief process, and facilitation of compassionate client and staff communications and interactions. Elemental to the course will be the creation of a reflective e-Portfolio in which the student showcases their learning and exploration of personal awareness. Two lecture hours per week. Gen Ed Competency met: Human Expressions.

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion, students should be able to: 1. Examine how the roles of animals have changed in society and family settings. 2. Define euthanasia, pain, and suffering in a veterinary setting. 3. Identify signs of the stages of grief and when professional intervention may be required. 4. Apply the steps of the grief process to euthanasia education and communication with clients. 5. Employ coping mechanisms for dealing with euthanasia related stress in personal and professional settings. 6. Evaluate euthanasia processes based on situational and species requirements.

**Credits:** 2

**Program:** Animal Science