

Louisville Zoo Veterinary Technician Externship/Internship

PURPOSE: To provide Veterinary Technology students and recent graduates an introduction to zoological medicine. Post graduates are considered as students, but work assigned will align with skills and experience.

THE LOUISVILLE ZOO: Open since 1969, the Louisville Zoo consists of approximately 470 species of animals housed on more than 80 acres. Specimens include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. The Animal Health Center (AHC) is staffed by two veterinarians, three veterinary technicians, and one zookeeper.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Preferred duration is 8-12 weeks and externships are available throughout the year. Externs and interns are expected to participate as a team member in all veterinary department activities including assisting in routine medical care, animal restraint, medical records, and preparing for procedures in the hospital and in the field. Students perform laboratory procedures including hematology, parasite exams, urinalysis, cytology, and preparing samples for outside laboratories. Forty to fifty percent of a student's time is spent in the laboratory. Approximately 30% is spent preparing for, assisting in, and cleaning up after procedures. Hospital cleanliness, treatments, records keeping and other duties make up the balance of time.

There is no stipend and housing is the responsibility of the student. Preference is given to those students with veterinary clinic experience.

HOURS: 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday. Additional hours or weekends as required.

REQUIREMENTS: Proof of negative tuberculosis test within 6 months prior to start. Rabies vaccine is suggested, but not required.

Pre-graduates must be enrolled in an approved veterinary technology program. Completion of parasitology and hematology labs is required. Completion of anesthesia, urinalysis, microbiology courses strongly recommended. Minimum GPA of 3.0 is preferred.

APPLICATION

1. Letter of intent describing background, interest, goals, and dates requested.
2. Resume
3. Letters of reference - 2
4. Veterinary technology program transcript (unofficial).
5. Interview. Interviews to be scheduled once the above is received. Telephone interviews may be arranged.

SEND APPLICATION TO:

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