



Veterinary Technician Externship in Wildlife Rehabilitation Medicine

Gain intense, hands-on veterinary experience working at one of the nation's largest and busiest wild animal hospitals!

Our Mission

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota provides quality medical care and rehabilitation for all injured, sick and orphaned wild animals and shares its knowledge with the people who care about them.

About Us

WRC has grown into one of the nation's busiest wildlife rehabilitation hospitals. We admit nearly 20,000 patients annually and work with more than 200 different species of wild animals. We have a year-round staff of 35 people, 15 of which are Veterinarians or Certified Veterinary Technicians, and an additional 12 seasonal staff members to manage more than 70 nursery interns. More than 600 volunteers provide care to our patients and keep the hospital clean and orderly.

Internship Focus

- Learn wild animal capture and restraint
- Prepare and administer oral medications and subcutaneous fluids to adult patients
- Ensure and provide proper husbandry and diet requirements, as well as enrichment
- Assist in surgeries and procedures
- Monitor patient anesthesia while performing radiographs
- Perform venipuncture, fecals, crop swabs, blood chemistries, lead tests, culture and sensitivities, PCV/TP, electrolytes, BG
- Maintain high quality standards in medical care, including reducing stress in our patients
- Maintain hospital cleanliness and biosecurity

Requirements

- Open to students and graduates from an accredited Veterinary Technician Program
- Work 40 hours per week
- 10 week minimum (start and end dates flexible)
- Pre-exposure rabies vaccination and a titer completed
- Proof of valid health insurance
- Tetanus vaccination within the last 10 years
- Ability to work a flexible schedule including evenings, weekends and holidays
- Must be able to bend/stoop/crawl, stand for long periods of time, and lift up to 35 lbs

Expectations

- Appropriate career clothing to be worn: Long pants/scrubs, closed toed shoes (a pair that can be committed to your time at WRC) and a nametag
- Adhere to all WRC medical, safety and training procedures
- Housing and transportation are the responsibility of student
- Must be able to work outside in adverse weather conditions
- Ability to handle a high rate of euthanasia
- Ability to multi-task, pay attention to detail, work independently and be a part of the WRC team
- Ability to remain positive and professional throughout stressful situations

How to Apply

Send cover letter, resume, 1 letter of recommendation, and preferred internship dates to intern@wrcmn.org