



### **Equine Undergrad Intern Program**

Spring Session: Jan – Mid-May (Hosp & Repro) / Jan – End of June (Ambulatory)

Summer Session: Mid-May – July or later

### **Philosophy**

Peterson & Smith Equine Hospital is a full-service equine practice in the heart of Ocala, Florida's beautiful horse country. Established in 1981, the clinic has become one of the most highly recognized equine practices in the United States. We always strive to remain a leading veterinary practice internationally by providing state-of-the-art diagnostics, surgery, and medicine for our patients and by fostering a relationship of professionalism and integrity with our clients. We provide a range of services from single patient management to large farm consultations. In addition to offering educational and practical work experience opportunities to students with an equine interest, we provide continuing education opportunities to both veterinarians and horse owners.

Our Undergraduate Intern Program was established in 2004. We are hoping to find students for our hospital (surgery/ medicine/ sports medicine), our advanced fertility center ("AFC"); and our ambulatory department (ambulatory students must commit to working from mid-January to mid-June). Although you may be exposed to all the departments during your internship, you should expect to consistently work in only one of these areas.

The internship will concentrate on surgery, internal medicine, diagnostic imaging, theriogenology, emergency medical/surgical care, sports medicine, general medicine, and herd health. Students will receive training in basic handling and restraint and will develop a set of general veterinary technician skills including, but not limited to preparing patients for procedures, surgical scrubbing, x-ray plate orientation, foal restraint, drawing up medications, administering medications, and monitoring patients' vitals.

We intend this opportunity to fulfill the practical experience requirements necessary for each student's area of study, and any personal goals that the students have for the internship and provide realistic and relevant exposure to equine medicine.

### **Application Submission Deadline**

Applications and supporting documents for Spring and Summer sessions are due no later than **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Selections and notifications will be completed by November 26<sup>th</sup>.



### **Student requirements:**

- Enrollment in, or recently graduated from an animal science, general agricultural/equine educational program or veterinary technician program.
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Successfully pass a background and drug screening
- Horse handling experience

### **Student selection** will be based on:

- Availability
- Relevant experience with a focus on horse handling skills
- Written references submitted with the application

### **Schedule**

- 10+ hour shifts
- One day off a week
- Night shifts required for hospital and AFC internships
- Weekend shifts required

### **Duties**

#### Equine Reproduction - Spring and Summer

- Maintain a clean and well-organized work area.
- Daily care of horses (feed, water, turnout, stall cleaning, grooming, etc.)
- Embryo transfer and recipient herd management
- After-hour treatments
- Assisting with general veterinary services and farrier care
- Assisting veterinarians with foaling
- Providing support with assisted reproductive techniques

### Ambulatory Department

- Maintain a clean and well-organized work area.
- Responsible for veterinary vehicle: Inventory, restocking, cleaning
- Assisting ambulatory veterinarian with routine & emergency veterinary services
- Holding and restraining horses
- May be required to drive

### Hospital: Surgery, Medicine, and Sports Medicine - Spring and Summer

- Maintain a clean and well-organized work area.
- Holding and restraining horses for veterinary treatments and diagnostic procedures
- Patient care, including feeding, stall cleaning, grooming, bathing, walking
- Assistance with lameness exams and scintigraphy
- Assisting in neonatal foal care and feeding
- Pharmacy stocking/inventory
- Assisting with emergency and critical care patients.
- Pre- and post-surgical care

### **Compensation**

- Accommodation is provided in a fully furnished house with dormitory-style bedrooms furnished with bunk beds. Laundry facilities on-site. Housing is co-ed. (Please note: You will be sharing the house with other interns/externs).
- A weekly stipend of \$350.00 (net) paid bi-weekly via direct deposit.