

Kansas City Zoo Veterinary Technician Internship (Unpaid)

Description: The purpose of this internship is to provide hands-on training as veterinary technicians in the field of zoological medicine.

- 4 sessions annually: Spring (March–May); Summer (June–August); Fall (September–November); and Winter (December–February)
 - There are 2 openings per session.
 - This internship is UNPAID
- Each session is 10 weeks (400 hours). All interns are expected to attend the full 10 weeks unless an abbreviated session has been previously agreed upon with the Sr. Veterinary Technician (minimum 8 weeks).
- Interns are responsible for their own transportation and housing. Some housing may be available upon request but is not guaranteed.
- Schedule:
 - Monday-Friday 8am-5pm with national holidays off.
 - May be expected to work additional hours or weekends as needed.

Duties

Interns are treated as members of our staff and are expected to show a level of professionalism and conduct that reflects the values of the Kansas City Zoo. Intern duties include but are not limited to:

- Assist RVTs with set up and break downs for medical procedures
- Assist in immobilization procedures: anesthetic monitoring and recording, catheterization, etc.
- Administer routine treatments on hospitalized animals
- Assist with preventative health care of the collection: manual restraint, phlebotomy, radiography
- Laboratory testing and sample preparation such as urinalysis and fecal exams, blood smears, etc.
- Maintaining the hospital: cleaning & sanitization, equipment care, stocking supplies etc.

Requirements

- Applicants must have completed their first year or be a recent graduate of an accredited school of veterinary technology. GPA of 3.0 or higher preferred.
- Must provide proof of a negative tuberculosis test within 6 months prior to the internship.

Working Conditions

- Interns should expect to be standing and walking most of the day as well as bending, twisting, and carrying bulky items.
- Interns routinely work outside in inclement weather and should be prepared for such occurrences.
- Must be able to lift and carry up to 75lbs

To Apply

- Letter of intent stating which session you are applying for
- Resume
- Veterinary Technology program transcripts (unofficial)
- 3 letters of recommendation
- **Applications must be received by the following dates to be considered for specific sessions:**
 - Spring – January 15th Summer – April 15th Fall – July 15th Winter – October 15th

Send applications to:

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