Practice-Based Equine Clerkship

PRACTICE POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS

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PRACTICE DESCRIPTION: See additional pages

SPECIFIC PRACTICE POLICIES:

Is smoking permitted by the practice? Y__  N✓ Does the practitioner smoke? Y__  N✓
Comments: ____________________________________________________________

Standard working attire for students (i.e., coveralls, boots, khaki-type pants, polo-type shirts):
Khaki-type pants, jeans, tucked polo-type shirts

Items student need to bring (i.e., stethoscope, bedding, towel): Stethoscope

Living accommodations:

Commuter practice? Y__  N✓ Student may commute (Less than 25 mi. from Gainesville)

Provided by practice? Y✓  N__ If yes, please describe: We have extern house that sleeps 7 and if available we can accommodate students

If the student has family/friends in the area, how close to the clinic does this type of housing need to be? 40 minutes - same as Gainesville

Are laundry facilities are available for student use? Y__  N✓
Do students need their own transportation while at the practice?  Y √  N__

Should student pack a lunch to eat on the road? Y__ N__ That would be students choice

Are pets allowed? Y__ N √ Comments: ________________________________________________________

Hours/Weekend Policy: Monday - Friday 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Saturday 7:00 AM - Noon (optional)

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PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS FOR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE (PLEASE CIRCLE/UNDERLINE ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE BELOW)

- Upon arrival at your PBEC practice (day one of your rotation) you will be expected to be able to perform and/or be knowledgeable concerning the following items. The items circled/underlined are those that this practice would like to emphasize as especially important.
- Be able to correctly and legibly label blood tubes for submission to a diagnostic lab
- Be able to generate a rule-out list for common diseases of the various systems, especially:
  - Gastrointestinal
    - Respiratory
    - Musculoskeletal
    - Neurologic
    - Skin
  - Reproductive
- Be able to generate a case management plan including therapeutics for treatment and prevention.
- Other: _______________________________________________________________
- Be able to generate a rule-out list and case management plan (as above) when presented with an animal/herd that display(s) the following clinical signs:
  - Colic
  - Hyperthermia
  - Anorexia
  - Abnormal lung sounds
  - Lameness in one or more limbs
  - Neurologic
  - Non-pruritic skin disease
  - Pruritic skin disease
  - Acute and chronic diarrhea
  - Abortion
  - Weight loss
- Others: ______________________________________________________________________
TO SCHEDULE AN EXTERNSHIP EMAIL
Julie Worsham, Business Operations Manager
jworsham@emcOcala.com
Include your CV/Resume and 1-3 weeks you are available.

**Facility:** State of the art equine hospital in north central Florida. **Surgical unit contains:** 4 induction/recovery boxes, overhead hoists, 2 operating rooms, arthroscopy unit, laparoscopic unit, advanced monitoring equipment and inhalation anesthetics. **Reproduction facilities include:** semen/embryo laboratory, environmentally controlled semen collection lab, dystocia and routine repro exam rooms. Our **Internal Medicine service** provides patients with: neonatal ICU, isolation facilities, video endoscopy, myelogram, critical care monitoring equipment and 2 overhead radiograph machines. The specialty services are complemented by a full service in house laboratory providing quick test turn around for our hospital and local/referring veterinarians. **Radiology/Imaging** includes standing MRI, 6 DR units (including Eklin Mark V DR 14 x 17, Eklin Mark III and Tru DR-LX), 2 overhead radiograph machines; ultrasound technology includes GE Logiq 5 and GE Logiq E. **Advanced lameness diagnosis:** Lameness Locator (www.equinosis.com).

**Staffing Number and Tasks:** Administrative staff, pharmacy staff, laboratory technicians, surgery technicians, medicine technician, MRI technician, daytime and overnight nursing staff, ambulatory assistants, and barn/maintenance employees.

**Number of Interns Currently in Practice:** 5
Alex Hawkins, MRVCS, Ashley Cameron, DVM, Holly Brown, DVM, Sam Johnson DVM, Amelia Stull, DVM, Teresa Duthie, DVM

**Names of Veterinarians in Practice including any Specialty Qualifications:** John G. Peloso, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVS; Corey D. Miller, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACT; Aric Adams, DVM, Diplomate ACVS; Tiffany L. Hall, DVM, Diplomate ACVIM; Patrick C. Worden, DVM; Fred W. Benker, DVM; Justin A. Phillips, DVM; Keely Sullivan, DVM

**Case Load:** 
**Surgery:** Elective orthopedic/soft tissue and emergency cases primarily encompassing the thoroughbred athlete and breeding stock. **Reproduction:** Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Warmblood and Paso Fino cases. **Internal Medicine:** Numerous local breeding farms provide a rich neonatal/postnatal case load in addition to yearlings and two year olds in training and other sporting horses. Field service: primarily performance horse work; training Thoroughbreds and reproduction.

**Types of Cases (estimated % by system or categories):** **Surgery:** Orthopedic:70% (arthroscopy, angular limb deformities, fracture repair); Respiratory: 10% (Tie-back, Lewellen, Tie Forwards, epiglottic entrapment); Emergency:20% (colics, dystocias, lacerations). **Internal Medicine:** Critical care 50%, Gastrointestinal 15%, Respiratory 15%, Neurological 5%, dermatological/Ophthalmological/Oncology/Cardiology/Musculoskeletal 15%. **Reproduction:** Infertility (20%), Embryo transfer (5%), Cooled/Frozen Semen (30%), Dystocia (5%), Routine mare work (40%).

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Estimated Breakdown of Daily or Weekly Load: Surgery: 4 - 6 surgeries daily with a capacity to do 10 per day. Large number of after-hours emergencies. Internal Medicine: Referral workups provided 5 days a week, emergency services daily. Ambulatory portion of the practice includes sports medicine and reproduction at local first class breeding and training facilities.

Philosophy of Internship: To encourage the development of problem solving skills and their application to daily medicine. To help the intern integrate the professional veterinary degree into the needs of the patient, the owner and trainer, the medical record, the referring veterinarian, hospital staff, the insurance company, and their colleagues. To provide mentorship and instillation of sound veterinary morals and ethics.

Prerequisites of Application and Internship: Previous equine experience is encouraged but not needed for the person with the right work ethic and positive personality. Interns are often selected from our extern list, so it is suggested that potential interns spend several days at the practice. Application requirements: Letter of Intent, CV, three professional references. Florida license within 60 days of internship.

Notification of Acceptance: Via telephone or email.

Employee Benefits: Professional Liability, Florida license fees, medical and dental insurance optional after 90 days, $500.00 CE allowance, four CE/Residency travel days, five vacation days.

Employment Contracts: Yes.

Externship Available: Yes; 1-3 week blocks. Housing provided. Externs work in our intern group along with senior clinicians, surgery, medicine and reproduction staff. Forward resume via email with specific dates you are available for externship to Julie Worsham, Business Operations Manager at jworsham@emcOcala.com

List of Internship Duties in Practice: Over the course of the year, the interns rotate between 5 blocks that last 2 weeks in duration. Interns are responsible for the daily activities in anesthesia, surgery, medicine, emergency and reproduction. Independent case management and ambulatory responsibilities are encouraged in order to instill confidence, surgical acumen, reproductive skills, client communication skills and mastery of the medical method.

Emergency Duty Requirements: Emergency and after hours duties are shared equally between all interns.

Amount of Supervision: The internship begins with a high level of supervision. Over time less supervision is applied so that skills and confidence levels are developed. Specialist backup is always available to the interns.

Term of Intern Employment: June 1st to June 15th following year (two week overlap with outgoing interns).