



VALLEYWIDE VETERINARY
SERVICES

Valleywide Veterinary Services Externship

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Description of Elective Experience:

Students will shadow one or more veterinarians in the practice. There will be opportunity to practice diagnostic skills, examine records, palpate/ultrasound cows (student would need to arrange ultrasound usage), assist with surgeries, discuss practice management and regulatory compliance, work in our milk quality lab and all other aspects of a dairy practice. The level of hands on opportunity will be dependent on the comfort level of the student and the particular farms that are being visited. The greater the length of the externship, the greater the ability to practice these skills.

This externship will provide a thorough cross section of a private food animal practice for students with a strong interest in dairy medicine. We hope the student will benefit from our collective practice experience and diversity of backgrounds, while we may benefit from the infusion of energy, ideas and questions from the student.

Institutional and Educational Resources - staffing, equipment, etc.:

Ultrasound (student should arrange to have a loaner available if they wish to use ultrasound for significant amounts of time), milk culture lab with mycoplasma capability and somatic cell counter, embryo transfer equipment and freezer, part time veterinary technician on site and 4 full time veterinarians.

Student Responsibilities - what is expected of students in terms of hours, days of the week, shadowing or actual support?:

Students will be expected to assist with any and all calls that are covered during regular business hours. Veterinary supervision will be available at all times. Typical hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. After hour and weekend emergencies could be included but are not required.

Student Housing (include costs, amenities, pet friendly, contact info if different from elective contact info):

Student housing is available at no cost in the homes of practice owners.