

## **Small Animal Rotating Internship**

Portland Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Care (PVESC) offers a small animal rotating internship position. PVESC is privately owned and offers highly collaborative emergency, surgery, internal medicine, oncology, cardiology, neurology, ophthalmology, dermatology, and radiology services to the dogs and cats of Maine. The goal of the PVESC rotating internship is to provide new graduates the opportunity to work with specialists in the above fields to build solid foundations in clinical skills and procedures, evidence-based medicine, and critical thinking. Interns are expected to learn all aspects of hospital procedures, including management of a wide variety of cases, generating appropriate estimates, and communicating with owners and primary care veterinarians.

The internship will begin with a week of orientation. This orientation will include blocks to shadow clinicians within the departments listed above. The program will be divided (approximately) as follows, and the interns' primary clinical responsibility will be in emergency receiving.

Daytime Primary Emergency: 18 weeks  
Overnight Primary Emergency: 3-6 weeks  
Critical Care/ICU: 3 weeks  
Internal Medicine: 8 weeks  
Surgery: 8 weeks  
Oncology: 2 weeks  
Neurology: 2 weeks  
Elective Time: 8 weeks  
Vacation Time: 2 weeks

A staff clinician will supervise most emergency shifts. There will be supervision 100% of the time on specialty rotations (Internal Medicine, Surgery etc.). A staff clinician will be available on an emergency basis during the overnight if the intern does not have a supervising clinician. Daily patient rounds will occur on a service-specific basis as coordinated by the involved specialists. Each intern is supported by an advisor, and is evaluated regularly by the staff on his or her professional performance, communication skills and progress. All departments at PVESC function exceptionally well as a unit, and thus good communication skills and cooperation are essential for the intern to be successful. Interns must be able to work efficiently given the high caseload.

The high PVESC caseload will likely require the intern to perform many minor medical and surgical procedures (like laceration repairs, urinary catheter placements) under staff supervision. Interns will assist the supervising clinician in major procedures.

There will be numerous opportunities for continuing education, including daily patient rounds, twice-weekly didactic rounds, weekly journal clubs, and clinical skills/procedures rounds. Each intern will be required to present a lecture on a topic

of their choosing toward the end of the rotating internship.

Interns are required to be fully licensed in the state of Maine at the start date. Interns participate in the PVESC benefits package.

Applications are through the Veterinary Internship and Residency Matching Program (VIRMP).

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