



Livestock Veterinary Services
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Dear Applicant,

Livestock Veterinary Services has a long history of providing quality educational experience to veterinary student externs through a combination of clinical work and research experience. It is our goal to supplement the education you receive throughout veterinary school with an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in individual animal and herd health care, as well as learn about veterinary business and employee management.

During your time at Livestock Veterinary Services, you will have an opportunity to participate in herd health visits of swine and beef cattle herds throughout eastern North Carolina. As appropriate, you will be expected to be an active participant in the discussion and implementation of veterinary activities as a part of your learning experience. These activities may include procedures with which you have little experience or familiarity, but that is one of the goals of any externship program. Depending on case load and presentation, multiple opportunities may arise for you to take an active role in case investigations and reports to farm owners and staff. At various times, you may be asked to observe and participate in the activities of Five Oaks Animal Hospital, our small animal veterinary clinic located adjacent to Livestock Veterinary Services.

Summer student externs who have extended availability may be asked to participate in summer research projects or develop intensified management programs to aid in improving animal health, well-being and production. Students in this program should be well-motivated, able to work independently, but should also be open to mentorship and suggestions from other veterinarians and staff members. Often, these projects culminate with a presentation to a group of peers regarding the outcome of interest or cases studied.

At all times, we strive to provide a experience that is both educational and enjoyable. We feel it is best accomplished through immersing the individual student with in the daily activities of the clinic, but also encouraging their own development and thinking processes. This program is not intended to be a ride-along, but rather one where the future veterinarian can work with others in the field, gaining valuable experience, but also one where the veterinarians benefit from the interaction and discussion with students.

If you are interested in applying for the Livestock Veterinary Services student externship program, please send an email to Dr. Brad Heins and include a resume and completed Student Extern Application form. Additionally, please complete the attached questionnaire and fax or email to Livestock Veterinary Services. We try our best to accommodate all interested students but may be limited at times due to the number of students during a particular period or veterinarians available due to clinical schedules.

Thank you very much for your interest in the program,

Livestock Veterinary Services



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Student Extern Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Veterinary School Attended: _____

Year in School: (circle one) 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Please list the dates during which you would be interested in spending time at Livestock Vet Services.

What courses have you taken that you feel may prepare you for a future in food animal veterinary medicine?

What experiences do you hope to gain by completing an externship with Livestock Veterinary Services?

What private practice or agriculture experience have you received that would prepare you for a future in food animal medicine?

What are your long-term career goals within veterinary medicine? (circle one)

Mixed Practice Large Animal Exclusive Practice Small Animal Practice Industry Academia

Would you be interested in completing a self-guided case investigation or being an active participant in an ongoing research trial during your time with Livestock Veterinary Services? _____

Please list two references and the contact information:

Requirements to participate in the Livestock Veterinary Services Student Extern Program

Students are expected to participate in the daily activities of Livestock Veterinary Services.

Students should be self motivated and eager to learn from a variety of personnel including veterinarians, technicians, farm staff and others.

Students should ask questions when and where applicable.

Each student must provide his/her own health insurance.

If participating in a case report or research trial, all students must be available until completion of the report for comments, follow-up, or publication if applicable even after returning to school.

Students must agree to follow all guidelines set by the individual veterinarian for any particular item in regards to bio-security, patient/client privacy, and practice discretion. This may include taking of photos, posting of material to social media, sharing of confidential data or technology, or any other matter of a private nature.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in immediate dismissal from the student extern program.

Please complete this form and fax to (252) 527-3266 or scan and email to Dr. Brad Heins (bheins@livestockvet.com) and include the words "Student Extern Application" in the subject line.