

Desert Pines Equine Medical & Surgical Center

Veterinary Assistant Rotating Internship

Desert Pines Equine Medical & Surgical Center is driven to improve the health and performance of its patients through progressive, high-quality medicine, surgery, and preventative care. This five-doctor practice located in Las Vegas, NV, includes two surgeons, an internist, and offers clinic and ambulatory services. Reproductive services, elective surgical cases, preventative medicine, performance and regenerative medicine, surgery, and internal medicine cases are seen daily. DPE advanced imaging equipment includes digital radiology and digital ultrasound. Other state-of-the-art equipment includes Pegasus Laser, Extracorporeal Shockwave, and Regenerative Medicine Infrastructure. The clinic offers two treatment areas, one surgery room, a barn, ICU and isolation stalls, an imaging area, and daytime pens. Desert Pines Equine Medical & Surgical Center is the primary service provider for **South Point Arena and Equestrian Center**, a 1,200-stall facility that hosts some of the best equestrian events in the world and are the official veterinarians of the **National Finals Rodeo** in Las Vegas.

Veterinary Assistant Rotating Internship Program: Whether you're considering a career as an equine veterinary technician or veterinarian, this well-rounded internship will provide you with the hands-on experience necessary to further your career aspirations. This six-month, full-time, paid internship allows graduates to take the skills they've learned in the classroom and apply them in the real world. Assist with surgeries, support ambulatory doctors in the field, experience high caliber performance horse medicine; at Desert Pines Equine, you'll see it all!

Prerequisites for Acceptance: Applicants must be graduates of a veterinary technology program or equine, animal science, or pre-veterinary bachelor's degree program with basic horse husbandry skills and be available to work full-time for the six-month duration of the internship. Interns are responsible for housing, transportation, and general living expenses. **To apply**, submit a letter of intent and resume to humanresources@desertpinesequine.com by April 25, 2022.

Internship Duration: July 11 through December 17, 2022

Program Highlights:

- Extensive **orientation** focused on practical skillset development needed to progress in a fast-paced equine veterinary clinic setting. Become familiar with commonly used medical terminology and record-keeping and learn to set up for and assist with various medical procedures.
- Structured **rotation schedule** that includes multi-week rotations between day and night shifts. Time will be spent in the field and surgery and in the clinic to assist with hospitalized patients.
- Continuing education **lectures and labs** covering topics related to commonly seen cases throughout the internship.
- A team of **experienced** licensed veterinary technicians and veterinarians provide continuous oversight and support, including a mid-point evaluation to review intern progress.
- Exit interview and certificate of completion.



Meet the Desert Pines Equine Team:



Michigan State U.

Focus: performance horse medicine



Wyatt Winchell, DVM, MS, DACVS Colorado State U. Surgical Residency –

Focus: lameness, arthroscopic surgery, upper airway surgery, and performance problems

The Ohio State U.



Darla Moser, DVM Colorado State U. Surgical Residency -Oklahoma State U.

Focus: equine soft tissue surgery, equine critical care, and lameness



AJ Manship, DVM, DACVIM (LAIM) Oklahoma State U. Internal Medicine Residency - North Carolina State U.

Focus: cardiac issues, infectious diarrhea, neo-natal issues, pneumonia, kidney, and liver disease



Elena Combs, DVM
Washington State U.

Focus: lameness, surgery, reproduction, and advanced diagnostic imaging



Kimberly Burton, LVT
C. of Southern Nevada
Special Interests:
anesthesia and
reproduction



Bryce Morgan, LVT
C. of Southern Nevada
Special Interest:
anesthesia