

# Discovering your best career path at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute

**For more than 140 years,** the veterinarians of Hagyard-Davidson-McGee Associates, PLLC have dedicated themselves to the health and well-being of the horse. Found in Central Kentucky in 1876 by Edward T. Hagyard, DVM, the firm has long stood for excellence in veterinary medicine. Its reputation is built, in part, on a continued effort to increase veterinary knowledge and thereby improve the state-of-the-art treatments and surgeries offered to its diverse equine clientele which represent international breeding operations, world-renowned race horses as well as sport horses, 3-day eventers and pleasure horses.

The original practice grew, and eventually Dr. Hagyard's nephew, Dr. Charlie Hagyard, was joined by Dr. Arthur Davidson and Dr. William R. McGee. This newly formed partnership provided the equine industry with a veterinary establishment that could offer several talented veterinarians working as one, to provide the highest quality equine healthcare.

Today, this philosophy and practice continues at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. With more than 60 veterinarians and a well-educated, experienced staff of support personnel all contributing a variety of specialties and interests, Hagyard is able – on a regular basis – to achieve superior results. No other single non-university veterinary group in the equine world is currently able to match its qualifications.

The talent and dedication of Hagyard's veterinarians and its staff provide to client and patients alike a level of care unequalled anywhere in the equine industry.



Located in Lexington, Kentucky, directly across from the world-famous Kentucky Horse Park, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute offers a wide range of specialized services grouped into specific divisions:

- Hagyard Field Care
- Davidson Surgery Center
- McGee Medicine Center
- McGee Fertility Center
- Hagyard Sport Horse
- Hagyard Laboratory
- Hagyard Pharmacy
- Hagyard Educational Programs

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## McGee Medicine Center

### Veterinary Assistant (January-June)

McGee Medicine Center specializes in the critical care and treatment of horses suffering from acute or chronic disease, injury, and provides long-term recovery care. Each year this center sees over 2,500 medicine and critical care cases of which more than 450 are critically ill newborn foals. The center's intensive care unit is a dedicated 14-stall wing reserved for the critically ill or for compromised foals and their dams. This full service hospital is operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

#### Responsibilities:

The primary role and duties of the Medicine Veterinary Assistant include:

- Monitoring patients' vital signs and progress as well as administering medications and treatments
- Maintaining accurate patient charts, documenting observations and proper interpretation of veterinarian instructions.
- Providing hay, feed and water to patients.
- Assisting veterinarians with procedures.
- Maintaining appropriate stock of medical supplies in barn areas.
- Maintaining clean and sanitary barn offices and treatment areas.
- Other projects and responsibilities as assigned.

#### Qualifications:

- Equine experience
- Excellent communicator
- Ability to lift 75 -100 lbs.
- Ability to restrain an adult horse.

#### Shifts:

8.a.m. to 4 p.m.  
4 p.m. to Midnight  
Midnight to 8 a.m.

#### Schedule:

Monday through Friday (40 hours per week)  
Saturday through Wednesday (40 hours per week)  
Thursday through Sunday (32 hours per week)

#### Applications:

Send a letter of interest and resume to Jamie O'Flynn, Intern & Extern Coordinator via email – joflynn@hagyard.com. Applications are due on October 1.

## Hagyard Field Care

### Ambulatory Veterinary Assistant (January-June)

The Hagyard Field Care veterinarians are a group of experienced ambulatory equine practitioners who provide a highly personalized client service to area horse farms, with a focus on providing medical excellence in a team approach. Hagyard field veterinarians provide on site care and consultation, often proving to be an asset to their clients' ability to meet the goals of their horses and horse programs. Their services include caring for sick or injured horses, performing pre-purchase exams, reproduction, lameness, ultrasonic and endoscopic examinations, delivering foals, and administering medications and treatments. They also may consult with clients on matter of breeding management and nutrition.

#### Responsibilities:

The primary role and duties of the Field Care Ambulatory Assistant include:

- Providing assistance and support to an ambulatory/ field veterinarian in the delivery of primary care and diagnostic services.
- Hold/restraining patient for examination, treatment, procedures.
- Maintaining a clean/sanitary and well-organized work/ service area (Veterinarian's vehicle).
- Completing medical records and other documents such as billing, reports, and charts for patients, as directed by the Veterinarian.
- Restocking the Veterinarian's vehicle with all medical equipment, drugs and supplies.
- May act as the primary or relief driver for the Veterinarian.

#### Qualifications:

- Equine experience
- Excellent communicator
- Ability to lift 75 -100 lbs.
- Ability to restrain an adult horse.
- Valid driver's license and safe driving record

#### Schedule:

Monday through Saturday, overtime as required.

#### Applications:

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## Davidson Surgery Center

### Veterinary Assistant Internship

January through June

With more than **6,000 surgical procedures performed each year**, Hagyard qualifies as one of the largest equine surgical hospitals in the world. The invaluable experience gained over time readily equates to better medical and surgical results, and has helped to place **Hagyard Equine Medical Institute among the best equine hospitals in North America**. Hagyard surgeons are world renowned, setting the highest standards in both emergency and elective procedures, including orthopedics, dystocias, colic, and standing laparoscopy. This surgical expertise is complemented at the center by a broad range of diagnostics, such as scintigraphy, digital radiology, ultrasound, and MRI.

#### **Responsibilities:**

The primary role of the Surgery Veterinary Assistant is to assist with the following:

- Providing assistance and support to surgeons, veterinary interns, and surgery staff.
- Holding and restraining patients for examination, treatment, procedures, and x-ray.
- Assisting with emergency admissions.
- Assisting with lameness evaluations.
- Assisting farrier with corrective shoeing and trimming.
- Assisting with rehab, including: massage and oxygen therapy and Artemis Laser treatments.
- Assisting with dystocias.
- Checking vital signs and assisting with administering medications and treatments.
- Keeping fluid lines free, clear and running.
- Monitoring for signs of and conditions such as colic, foaling, and respiratory distress.
- Preparing horses for surgery
  - Positioning horses on operating tables.
  - Scrubbing horses for a variety of surgical procedures.
  - Preparing surgical packs.
- Grooming, hand walking, and grazing.
- Maintaining clean and sanitary barn offices and treatment areas, including: laundry, sweeping, disinfecting diagnostic equipment, countertops, stall ledges, and taking out garage and recycling.
- Providing hay, feed and water to patients.
- Maintaining appropriate stock of medical supplies in barn areas.
- Other projects and responsibilities as assigned.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Equine Experience
- Excellent Communicator
- Ability to Lift 75-100 lbs.
- Ability to Restrain an Adult Horse

#### **Applications:**

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