

## Externship Program

Piedmont Equine provides an opportunity for veterinary students to gain meaningful knowledge and experience while working under the guidance of senior clinicians. All externs will have the opportunity to shadow our veterinarians throughout their day and receive instruction based upon their experience and interest. Each of our staff veterinarians and the intern veterinarians will work with the extern to ensure that their learning goals are met.

Our practice offers a comprehensive program that allows externs to assist with hospital, outpatient, and ambulatory services. Our doctors are willing to invest in students to advance the equine veterinary field experience. The goal of the externship program is to provide exposure to and experience with a variety of cases including preventive care, surgical procedures, anesthesia, internal medicine, intensive case management, dentistry, and reproduction (if the externship is completed during the Spring). The committed extern who puts forth effort and enthusiasm is given the opportunity to practice procedures with recipient mares owned by the clinic.

### **Externship availability and scheduling:**

Our program is open year-round and applications can be submitted at any time. Externship positions are filled on a first come, first served basis. Externs that cancel their externship within 60 days of the start date (except in cases with extenuating circumstances) will not be rescheduled and thus will not have preference if they later apply to the internship program.

### **Extern duties:**

Externs should arrive at the clinic by 8:00am each day. Each doctor is assigned a technician and/or extern depending upon their daily schedule. Daily duties will include assisting veterinarians during hospital treatments, preparing ambulatory units for call schedules, assisting veterinarians in completion of exams, diagnostic imaging, lab work, and surgical and reproduction procedures. Externs will assist with in-patient care on week and weekend days. Senior veterinary students are required to participate with weekend/afterhours activities, but the opportunity will also be given to under classmen.

### **Application process:**

Please visit the link <https://careers.americanveterinarygroup.com/#Jobs> Then select "Veterinary Student Extern" under Department and "Georgia" for Location. You will find the listing for Piedmont Equine Associates which will have the online application process.

We also invite you to visit our website ([www.piedmontequine.com](http://www.piedmontequine.com)) for more information regarding our practice. If you would like to visit our clinic or discuss the externship, please contact our Intern/Extern Coordinator, Dr. Hancock at (706) 752-1818 or [chancock@piedmontequine.com](mailto:chancock@piedmontequine.com).



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**Veterinarians at our practice:**

Daniel R. Pike, DVM – Medical Director, UGA DVM 2005  
John R. Elliott, DVM – Medical Director, UGA DVM 2005  
Chloe F. Hancock, MPH, DVM – Associate, UGA DVM 2017  
Becca Gabriel, DVM – Associate, LMU DVM 2018  
Jarrod Younkin, MS, DVM, DACVS (LA) – Associate, Surgeon RU DVM 2013  
Chandler Wood, DVM – Associate, UGA DVM 2019  
Erik Perez, DVM – Associate, Surgeon NUM DVM 2011  
Olivia Catarino, DVM – Associate, UF DVM 2021

**FAQs:**

-Does the externship offer pay, housing, or vehicle? *At this time we do not provide extern housing will assist you in finding appropriate housing if possible. It is required that externs either bring or rent a vehicle.*

-What do I wear? *We always present a professional appearance and maintain a high level of personal grooming and hygiene always promoting the public image of the practice. Khakis, jeans or slacks, collared shirt, boots. Scrubs are not permitted outside the operating room.*

-Where do I go on the first day? *Please arrive by 8am and come to the front office of the clinic. If you are running late due to traffic or other circumstances, please contact our office.*

\*Due to the inherent dangerous nature of equine work, externs are required to have health insurance coverage while visiting Piedmont Equine Associates.