



Internship Program

Piedmont Equine Associates is proud to offer a comprehensive program for 2 new veterinarians to gain meaningful experience while working under the guidance of eight senior clinicians including two surgeons. Interns will assist with hospital, outpatient, and ambulatory services with direct and indirect supervision as experience, confidence, and abilities grow throughout the internship year. Interns will be responsible for in-patient cases and daily treatment updates for senior veterinarians. They are exposed to a wide range of clinical cases and experiences and will be involved in every aspect of the practice as well as surgical procedures, intensive care case management, and emergency services.

The goal for the internship program at our practice is to produce a competent, well-rounded equine veterinarian in 12 months. Learning is always the primary responsibility; therefore, the intern's daily exposure to a variety of cases is essential to the experience. Piedmont Equine is a progressive practice that values new methodology and procedures. Our veterinarians value their time that is spent mentoring others in the advancement of their careers.

Internship timeline:

June 1 – May 31 of any given year. (The starting date can be somewhat changeable, but the intern is expected to begin within the first or second week of June and to be present for the full term of one year.)

Intern Duties:

Interns will rotate between the ambulatory and hospital services every 2 weeks. When on the ambulatory rotation, the intern will accompany the ambulatory doctors on their calls where they will be able to assist and perform a large variety of services ranging from preventive/routine care to lameness to reproduction to emergency care, etc. The ambulatory intern will assist with after-hours farm calls and, when ready, will see them independently. When on the hospital rotation, the intern will assist with haul-in appointments, which are varied but typically is a heavy caseload of lameness, as well as perform anesthesia and/or assist with elective surgeries. The hospital intern will assist with after-hours haul-in emergencies and hospitalized patients and, when ready, will see them independently. Overnight care of hospitalized patients will be performed by the veterinary technicians and the hospital intern with back-up if needed.

Interns will participate in topic rounds which are held every other week. The interns take turns providing informal but thorough discussions from a provided topic list. The list is extensive and covers every realm of equine veterinary practice with the purpose of exposing the interns to all aspects of the profession and the benefit of discussing with a group of seasoned practitioners.

During the breeding season, the interns work closely with the recipient mare program and manage in-house labs (cytologies, cultures, and sensitivities). Intern duties/time will be allocated based upon what is best for the intern's advancement as well as for the practice.

Emergency Duty:

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Salary: \$36,000 per year, paid bi-weekly

Benefits:

- One continuing education course (\$1,500 limit) with 3 days paid time-off for attendance
- AVMA PLIT Insurance
- Professional dues
- Health insurance, disability insurance, supplemental insurance
- 401k options
- 12 days paid time-off (accrued)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be submitted at any time; we encourage, however, submission of application as soon as possible. The application deadline for a given internship year is October 1st of the preceding year (e.g., for June 1, 2026 start date, applications are due by October 1, 2025).

Application Process:

Externships are not required for internships; preference, however, is given to those that have completed an externship. To apply to the internship program, please visit the link:

<https://careers.americanveterinarygroup.com/#Jobs> .

Veterinarians at our practice:

Visit our website (www.piedmontequine.com) for a more detailed biography on each member of our staff.

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

Jarrold 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

Additional Information:

We invite you to visit our website for more information regarding our practice. To schedule a site visit or discuss the internship and externship program, please contact our Intern/Extern Coordinator, Dr. Hancock, at (706) 752-1818 or chancock@piedmontequine.com .

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FAQs:

-Does the internship offer housing or vehicle? *Assistance will be provided to find suitable housing. A fully stocked vet truck will be available for ambulatory and emergency calls.*

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

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