



Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals

Internship / Externship Program



Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals want to improve the lives of people and horses by mentoring and teaching recent graduates how to be the best professionals possible. When you are successful, the profession and the equine industry are better. It is our mission to invest in your success and help you develop into a great equine veterinarian by creating a positive mentorship environment, establishing clear and respectful communications, and helping you to positively impact the lives of people you encounter.

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Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals Internship and Externship programs are anything but traditional. Because of our staff's unique specialties, multiple locations, and versatile clientele, students have the opportunity to gain the exposure needed to excel in this profession. We offer competitive, challenging and exceptional program opportunities unlike any other.

ABOUT US

For over 40 years, Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals has had the privilege to serve horses and their owners at three locations across Texas. Our industry-leading equine veterinarians offer an extensive variety of services ranging from the standard preventative care to cutting-edge, specialty surgery. Our goal is to serve our customers' and horses' needs with exceptionally skilled staff and exceed expectations with outstanding client service. Our customers are our family.

At BVEH, we like to:

- Invest in the success of our people - that means our clients, staff, colleagues, vendors and families
- Create an environment for people to identify goals and continuously develop their skills
- Communicate with clarity and respect
- Leave a lasting, positive impression on the horses and the people we come in contact with

We carry these values into our internship and externship programs. Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals strives to improve the lives of people and horses by mentoring and leading recent graduates in becoming exceptional professionals. We believe when we are exceptional, the equine industry is a better place. Our highly specialized, elite team focuses on helping our interns and externs:

- Further enhance diagnostic skills.
- Increase hands-on knowledge base in areas including reproduction, sports medicine, internal medicine, imaging, and alternative medicine.
- Sharpen client relationship, management, and communication skills.
- Gain exposure to staff and procedures not found anywhere else.

What do you need to thrive in our programs?

- A positive attitude
- A team player mentality
- People skills

Externship

The goal of the externship is to provide high level exposure to broaden the interests and skills of veterinary students like you.

As an extern, you will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a fast-paced, friendly environment. This program will provide you with enough clinical exposure to identify your specific areas of interest and further pursue those studies in equine medicine.

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Who is this program for?

- The veterinarian student who has a desire to accelerate his/her growth, a general interest and experience in equine medicine, surgery, along with a basic knowledge of horsemanship.
- The recent graduate who is interested in our internship program since the externship program is the primary method of critical evaluation used for internship selection by the hospital.
- Veterinarians who are new to the U.S. - foreign students and veterinarians are welcomed and encouraged to apply. But, you must have the ability to communicate in English and obtain the appropriate visas.

What can I expect to gain from this externship:

- High level clinical exposure enabling you to broaden your interests
- Hands-on experience in a fast-paced and friendly environment
- The opportunity to practice with some of the most talented vets in the industry
- The opportunity to sharpen your diagnostic and decision-making skills in equine medicine, surgery and intensive care, gain experience in routine procedures and advanced diagnostics, as well as develop confidence in interacting with staff and other veterinarians.

Where is the program and how long is it?

- We offer up to 4 weeks at our Stephenville, Navasota, or Salado, Texas locations.

What will I be doing in this program? Your primary duties include:

- Assisting with daily treatments
- Evaluations and record keeping for hospitalized patients
- Assisting staff veterinarians in lameness exams, surgeries, dentistry, reproduction and neonatal care
- Night duties consisting of assisting with patient treatments, intensive care monitoring, as well as, assisting with all emergencies including weekends and holidays
- Assisting with both clinical and ambulatory emergencies
- Assisting with appointments from 8am - 5pm Monday-Friday and 8am -12pm on Saturdays
- Working with interns and technicians to treat hospitalized patients in the mornings, and administer overnight treatments
- Aiding staff veterinarians in outpatient visits
- Working in a fast-paced, friendly environment with the large caseload at one of our hospitals can be very rewarding and educational. We strongly believe in teaching and mentoring, which is why you will always be working directly with our technicians, veterinary staff and other professionals.

Internship

The goal of the internship is to prepare veterinary graduates like you for a residency program or private practice.

Our hospitals feature a progressive approach to practice and utilize the latest equipment. We offer a full-service referral practice to local veterinarians while also providing primary care to our local and horse show clients. As one of the largest practices in Texas, we have multiple board-certified specialists managing cases and helping mentor our interns.

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Who is this program for?

- The recent veterinarian graduate who has completed an externship with BVEH who has basic horsemanship knowledge and is looking for the experience needed to build a firm, professional foundation.

What can I expect to gain from this internship:

- Clinical exposure to build a solid foundation to start in general practice, clinical sports medicine, or engage in a residency program
- The opportunity to sharpen your diagnostic and decision-making skills in equine medicine, surgery, and intensive care
- Gain hands-on experience in routine procedures and advanced diagnostics, as well as develop confidence in interacting with clients, staff and other veterinarians
- Experience working in a fast-paced, friendly environment
- Develop skills to allow handling of in-house and farm-call appointments and emergency cases

Where is the program and how long is it?

- This is a one-year, rotating equine internship program designed to provide a high level of post-graduate training to prepare you for a residency program or private practice

What will I be doing in this program? Your primary duties include:

- Working with a veterinarian on all cases
- Daily treatments, evaluation and record keeping of hospitalized patients
- Assisting staff veterinarians in lameness exams, surgeries, dentistry, reproduction and neonatal care
- Night duties consisting of patient treatments, intensive care monitoring, as well as, assisting with emergencies
- Assisting with appointments from 8am -5pm on Monday-Friday and 8am -12pm on Saturdays
- Working with technicians to treat and monitor hospitalized patients in the mornings and overnight
- Aiding staff veterinarians in outpatient visits
- Assisting with elective surgeries

** We strongly believe in mentoring. The amount of supervision will depend on the intern's experience and licensing status and may vary as the year progresses.*

** Clinic workload increases substantially during the show and breeding/foaling seasons.*

An expected breakdown of your responsibilities include:

- Hospital treatments 5%
- Hospital ICU monitoring 5%
- Outpatient lameness 30%
- Outpatient medicine/general practice 20%
- Ambulatory 20%
- Surgery 10%
- Emergency 5%
- Anesthesia <5%

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Salary:

- Salary will be based on your experience and licensing status, ranging from \$35,568-\$40,000 per year.
- There is a possibility for future employment with mutual satisfaction and desire.

Start date:

- Internship starting dates will be staggered (May 15 and June 1) to allow for overlap between interns. Some flexibility on start date can be discussed.

Additional benefits of the Internship Program:

- Health insurance (if applicable)
- Malpractice insurance for licensed applicants
- Housing on hospital grounds with paid utilities
- Stipend for use to attend one meeting
- AAEP membership dues
- State licensing fees (if applicable)
- Limited time off for job/residency interviews

To apply for the Externship or Internship program:

Visit our website or send a resume, cover letter, a copy of veterinary transcripts, and two letters of recommendation from equine practitioners or university faculty members in equine medicine or surgery. A prior visit/externship and interview is strongly encouraged. A personal meeting is weighted the most when considering applicants. Foreign students and veterinarians are welcomed and encouraged to apply, though licensed veterinarians will be considered first.

Things to note:

Onsite housing will be provided and is shared with the interns and externs. There are onsite washers and dryers, but no restaurant or grocery store is within walking distance. Shuttle or taxi services are available.

All candidates will be notified in writing of his/her acceptance into the program as soon as the application process is completed. All candidates will be notified prior to January 10th each year. Intern applicants are encouraged to have all prerequisites to the hospital by October 1st.

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Locations

All hospitals are equipped with state of the art equipment including; one and three meter video endoscopes, one meter pediatric fiberoptic endoscopes, digital abdominal/tendon/cardiac ultrasound, ambulatory repro/tendon ultrasounds, portable digital x-ray units, video arthroscopic equipment, video laparoscopic equipment, internal fixation equipment, extra corporeal shock wave therapy units, powered dental floats, IRAP and Prostride centrifuges, platelet rich plasma

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systems, lameness locator, dynamic endoscopy, and a clinical laboratory with hematology, chemistry, blood gas analysis, cytology and microbiology. Fully equipped ambulatory vehicles are available for use on farm calls.

NAVASOTA

Navasota's Brazos Valley Equine Hospital caseload has evolved over the last 30 years to include primarily lameness, performance and sports medicine covering a wide variety of breeds and disciplines. The team sees approximately 18,000 patients per year. The in-house caseload varies between 15-50 cases per day and an average of 20-60 hospitalized patients treated daily.

Veterinarians:

- Terrell "T-Bone" Buchanan, DVM
- Ben Buchanan, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC
- Clayton Smith, DVM
- Joe Pluhar, DVM, MBA
- Kurt Heite, DVM
- Ricci Karkula, DVM, MS, cVMA
- Weston Warnock, DVM

Specific case breakdown is approximately:

- Lameness = 3,500-4,000 / year
- Pre-Purchase = 150-250 / year
- Surgery = 300-400 / year (40% Orthopedic, 50% Soft Tissue, 10% Emergency)
- Reproduction = 300-500 / year (30-40 Semen Collections, 10-20 ET Flush, 5-10 High Risk Pregnancies)
- Internal Medicine = 1,000-1,500 / year (60-80 Neonatal Cases; 200-250 Ophthalmology, 300-350 Gastrointestinal, 200-250 Respiratory, 10-20 Cardiac, 75-150 Neurologic, and 50-75 Dermatologic)
- General Health = 400-500
- Corrective Podiatry = 400-500
- Dentistry = 600-700 Floats and Extractions
- Chiropractic/Acupuncture = 400-500
- Emergency = 350-400

Facilities:

The hospital in Navasota is a 20,000 square foot facility situated on 28 acres with four barns totaling 38 stalls, 12 paddocks, a riding arena, and a large area for lameness exams, both in hand and under saddle. The main hospital building consists of two exam rooms (two stocks in each), a radiology/ultrasound room with overhead 600 MA generator for digital and computed radiography, surgical suite with two induction recovery stalls, chiropractic area, clinical laboratory, pharmacy, library, reception area, doctors' offices and eight indoor holding/day stalls. Four additional barns include: ICU with four climate-controlled stalls, an intermediate care area with

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four stalls and nine additional hospital stalls, an isolation unit with two stalls and turnout area, and an open outside barn with 11 stalls, and 12 large turnout paddocks.

SALADO

The caseload leans toward lameness and sports medicine covering a wide variety of breeds and disciplines. They also have a large reproduction caseload that consists of racing, western performance, and some sport horse. The team sees approximately 12,000 cases a year with 80% seen at the clinic. The in-house caseload varies between 15-40 cases per day, with the average number of hospitalized patients treated daily varies from 5-15 depending on the time of year.

Veterinarians:

- John Janicek, DVM, DACVS
- Theresa Dwyer, DVM
- Beau Whitaker, DVM, CERP
- Jaime Ashbrook, DVM
- Wil Moorhead, DVM

Specific case breakdown is approximately:

- Lameness = 1,000-2,000 / year
- Pre-Purchase = 100-150 / year
- Surgery = 350-400 / year (35-40% Orthopedic, 30-35% Soft Tissue, 20-25% Emergency)
- Reproduction = 1000-1150 / year (150 -200 Semen Collections, 30-40 ET Flush, 5-10 High Risk Pregnancies)
- Internal Medicine = 500-800 / year (30-50 Neonatal Cases; 100 Ophthalmology, 150-200 Gastrointestinal, 100-150 Respiratory, 5-10 Cardiac, 50-100 Neurologic, and 50-75 Dermatologic)
- General Health = 500-800
- Corrective Podiatry = 75-100
- Dentistry = 900-1,000
- Chiropractic/Acupuncture = 100-150
- Emergency = 225-275

Facilities:

The hospital in Salado is situated on 20 acres with three barns totaling 40 stalls, 18 paddocks, and three large pastures. The main hospital building consists of a large examination/lameness area and two stocks, one surgical suite with one induction recovery stall, one clinical laboratory, a pharmacy, a reception area, and doctor's offices. The two additional barns are a stallion barn and the mare motel/reproduction barn.

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STEPHENVILLE

The caseload leans toward lameness and sports medicine covering a wide variety of breeds and disciplines. The team sees approximately 25,000 cases a year with 70% seen at the clinic. The in-house caseload varies between 20-60 cases per day, and the average number of hospitalized patients treated daily varies from 15-40 depending on the time of year.

Veterinarians:

- Charles Buchanan, DVM
- Ricky Osterloh, DVM
- Scott Strosnider, DVM
- Christine Boeckh, MS, DVM
- Felipe Maciel, DVM
- Andrew Willis, DVM, DACVIM
- Amanda Plunkett, MS, DVM

Specific case breakdown:

- Lameness = 10,000-15,000 / year
- Pre-Purchase = 500+ / year
- Surgery = 600-800 / year (35-40% Orthopedic, 30-35% Soft Tissue, 20-25% Emergency)
- Reproduction = 1000-1150 / year (150 -200 Semen Collections, 30-40 ET Flush, 5-10 High Risk Pregnancies)
- Internal Medicine = 800-1000 / year (30-50 Neonatal Cases; 150 Ophthalmology, 150-200 Gastrointestinal, 200-250 Respiratory, 10-30 Cardiac, 50-150 Neurologic, and 50-75 Dermatologic)
- General Health = 500-800
- Corrective Podiatry = 200-400
- Dentistry = 900-1,000
- Chiropractic/Acupuncture = 300-450
- Emergency = 300-575

Facilities:

The hospital in Stephenville is situated on 27 acres with four barns, totaling 71 stalls, eight paddocks, and one large pasture. The main hospital building consists of a large examination/lameness pavilion, four stocks, one clinical laboratory, a pharmacy, a reception area, and doctor's offices. The three additional barns include an x-ray suite with two stocks, mare motel/reproduction barn and an isolation barn. The new progressive surgery suite is equipped with one pre-op room, one post-op room, and eight recovery stalls.

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At Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals your horse's health is our passion. Our goal is to care for each patient, from conception through retirement, with the highest quality care available. As highly trained and dedicated professionals, we are committed to exceeding expectations and to helping each horse reach its full athletic potential.



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