



Summit Equine Hospital
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Student Information & Expectations

Welcome to Summit Equine Hospital! We are excited to help you on your journey in veterinary medicine. Please read through our policies for students prior to your arrival.

- We highly recommend that you have taken ANS 281 (Professional Development for Prevet Students) if you are at NCSU prior to shadowing with us. If you have not taken this course or go to a different university, we recommend that you have spent time in veterinary clinics and have researched the field adequately prior to organizing hours with us.
- Arrive by 7:30AM (our office is behind the VCA - you will be meeting our technicians to help start the day) and be prepared to be with us all day - sometimes our days end at 5PM and sometimes they end at 8PM.
- Appropriate attire: jeans or khakis and a polo or scrub top (no tee shirts), boots or other closed-toe shoes safe for working with horses, SMALL jewelry only (for safety reasons). Dress for the weather - bring layers. Shorts and tank tops are not appropriate even if it is very warm.
- Please bring a pen and wear a watch with a second hand. Apple watches and other smart watches are permitted.
- Please pack a lunch and be prepared to eat on the go. More often than not, lunch is in the truck, on the road between appointments. Sometimes the doctor will stop for a quick to-go lunch at a gas station or fast food location but please do not count on that. If you forget to pack a lunch, we will not let you starve but BE PREPARED.
- Bring PLENTY of water, especially during the summer months. It is hot and you will likely need more than one bottle of water.
- Safety around horses is paramount. Please be aware of your position around the horses at all times and do not be offended if you are asked to step away or if a horse is taken from you - they are large and unpredictable animals even if you have been around them your whole life.
- You are bound to be enthusiastic about plenty of the cases you see - this is great and we applaud it, but the best place for in-depth questions is in the truck between appointments (not in front of clients).
- CONFIDENTIALITY is essential. Please feel free to discuss cases in depth with the doctors here but names of clients and horses should never be discussed outside of the clinic.
- Be ready to help the doctor but please know it may take several visits for you to get fully involved with appointments. Attach yourselves to one of our technicians. There is always something to be done and they can direct you if there is downtime. Do not sit on the bench in the office - this is distracting for our front desk staff.
- Each doctor's truck is stocked slightly differently. You will become more comfortable with each truck the more you ride along with us! Please help restock but ask the technicians about what to stock and where to put it. Items that are commonly left at barns include hoof testers, twitches, and battery packs for our power floats. Help us by double-checking that we have not forgotten any of these in a barn before we leave. Keeping a list of what we use throughout the day is very helpful for later restocking.