

Shelter Medicine Externship Opportunity

Organization name: Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine

Location: Glendale, AZ

Description of organization: University shelter medicine program

Equipment/Facilities: Mobile clinic, extensive shelter partnerships for on-site work

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Length of externship: 2-4 weeks Rotation orientation available upon request

Student housing availability (yes/no; if yes, explain): no

Student compensation (yes/no; if yes, explain): no

Student veterinary education level requirement (e.g. 1st year students, 2nd year students, etc.):

Students eligible for clinical rotations

Prerequisites: none

Student responsibilities/learning opportunities:

Each student is expected to take an active, responsible role in all aspects of the rotation. This includes, but is not limited to, patient assessment, shelter assessment, client communications, patient treatment, patient diagnostics, patient postoperative care, and medical records. Respect for animals, clients and partners is required at all times. Students are expected to make travel arrangements to the various shelter partners, and should carry a cell phone for communication during travel and while on-site at partners.

Please provide a typical daily schedule, if possible:

M - High volume limited admission shelter (spay/neuter surgery, trauma hospital, animal emergency technician ride alongs, behavior, kitten nursery, parvo ward); T - Mobile clinic (spay/neuter surgery and wellness/minor medical) with TNR or rescue partner; W - High volume open intake shelter (spay/neuter surgery and rounds); R - Mobile clinic (spay/neuter surgery and wellness/minor medical) with TNR or rescue partner; F - Moderate size limited admission (medical cases, transport intake)

First step for student to take to arrange externship: email CVMrotations@Midwestern.edu

Links: <http://www.mwusheltermedicine.com>

Any additional notes or information:

The Midwestern University Shelter Medicine program offers a clinical rotation of 2-4 weeks to students eligible for clinical rotations from all US accredited vet schools. Shelter Medicine rotation students receive instruction in abstract, high-level shelter medicine concepts such as epidemiology, shelter management and medical decision making in addition to significant clinical experience with companion animal herd health, community outreach, animal cruelty, animal behavior, wellness, emergency medicine, and HQHV spay/neuter surgery. The program is supported by three full-time faculty members with diverse backgrounds in public health, high-quality-high-volume spay/neuter, veterinary forensics, and epidemiology as well as a shelter medicine intern and dedicated technician.

Students on the rotation will refine their knowledge and clinical skills in shelter medicine while participating in service-learning with a wide variety of animal welfare partners. We work with open intake municipal shelters, large-scale limited admission shelters, smaller private shelters, foster and rescue networks, municipal and tribal organizations and interdisciplinary health organizations throughout the state of Arizona. Phoenix is the 5th largest city in the country, but is surrounded by more rural communities, ensuring that we work with a diverse group of animal welfare stakeholders and population. Our 33' long mobile clinic allows us to reach shelters and underserved communities without veterinary service.