



ACCES Animal Critical Care & Emergency Services

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Externship Opportunities at ACCES

We love teaching and having veterinary students at our facility. We find that students get the most out of their experience with us during their 4th year and have had at least one of the following prior to your visit:

- a. Small animal medicine
- b. Small animal surgery
- c. Anesthesia

If you are interested in scheduling an externship rotation at our facility, please email bdavidow@criticalcarevets.com for more information.

The following is a summary of our requirements and goals for our externs.

Things to Bring

Scrubs

Name tag

Stethoscope (if you have one)

Lots of questions!

Our Goals for Your Rotation

- 1) Triage skills
- 2) Physiology, recognition, and treatment of shock
- 3) Basic acid/base physiology
- 4) Good understanding of fluid therapy – especially use of synthetic and natural colloids
- 5) Basic approach to common emergencies
 - Urethral obstruction
 - Gastric dilation/volvulus
 - Cardiac emergencies
 - Respiratory emergencies
 - DKA
- 5) Some real world experience!
- 6) Spend some time looking through a microscope at differentials and cytologies

What We Ask of You

- 1) Receiving – Do TPR, weight, and complete history and physical exam, make a differential list and a plan and report to the doctor. Please introduce yourself to the clients as a student and let them know that you are getting started to help keep things moving along. The doctor will then come in, ask any additional questions, and repeat a physical exam. The doctor will then discuss a plan and make an estimate for the owner.
- 2) If there are no cases to receive, please help the technicians with treatments. Please check all drugs and medications with the technicians before administering. The technicians, when possible, will have you place IV and urinary catheters (in unobstructed animals only) and will have you do blood draws.
- 3) If we have a major surgery, we will either have you do anesthesia or let you scrub in and assist, depending on staffing considerations. Depending on the status of the animal and whether you have had your surgery rotation yet, you may be allowed to close (**with veterinarian supervising**).
- 4) If we have minor procedures, we may be able to let you do them, such as minor lacerations, abscess drainage, etc. (**with veterinarian supervising**). We can't allow you to do cystocentesis or thoracocentesis.
- 5) If we don't have outpatients or cases that need treatments, please read through the charts of animals that are in the hospital and ask any questions that you might have.
- 6) If we are having a CE presentation while you are working with us, we do ask that you attend.