

## Medical Clinic Internship Description

The Avian Medical Clinic accepts and treats over 900 patients annually from throughout South Carolina and Georgia. Species accepted at the Medical Clinic include raptors, water birds, seabirds, wading birds, and shorebirds. The Avian Conservation Center is also designated in the USCG Area Contingency Plan as the official repository for oiled birds in South Carolina and maintains situational readiness in this crucial role. Interns will be involved in all aspects of the medical and rehabilitation process from rescue, triage, daily treatments and husbandry, various diagnostic testing, and release.

### Job duties including but not limited to:

- Assisting with administrative duties including maintaining physical records and Raptor Med database.
- Answering and fielding phone calls on our injured bird line during scheduled shifts as well as being on call for after hours calls 1 night a week (5pm-9pm) once trained.
- Daily husbandry and hygiene related cleaning including cleaning, vacuuming, mopping Medical Clinic spaces, kennel cleaning, and cleaning outside enclosures.
- Safely restraining a wide variety of species for treatment procedures.
- Assisting with intake examinations and triaging patients.
- Analyzing fecal samples for parasites.
- Performing a variety of avian specific medical techniques including gavage feeding, administering fluids, and administering medications.
- Assisting in monitoring birds under anesthesia for minor procedures such as physical therapy or wound treatment.
- Daily diet/food preparation and daily medication preparation.

### Required Qualifications:

- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must have a degree in or be working towards a degree in biology, veterinary technology, or related field.
- Must be able to lift 50 pounds and stand for long periods of time.
- Must be able to work outside in all types of weather.
- Must have a strong work ethic and positive attitude.
- **Must be able to commit to 40 hrs per week (full time internship) or 20 hrs per week (part time internship) for a minimum of 3 months.**

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in this field not required, but some animal related experience is helpful. We are willing to train qualified candidates.
- Preference given to those seeking a career in wildlife medicine or rehabilitation.
- Must be a self-starter and be amenable to unpredictable and often long hours due to the nature of the work.
- Must be flexible in working with a wide variety of volunteers and staff.
- Must have a willingness to learn.

Applications for medical clinic internships are accepted year round. Please reference the Center's website for seasonal deadlines.

Interns will be scheduled for a 40-hour week for full time internships or a 20-hour week schedule for part-time interns. Weekends and some holidays may be required. Housing is not provided.

To Apply: Provide cover letter, resume, and three references with contact information to Mandy Feavel, the Director of Operations at [mandy.feavel@avianconservationcenter.org](mailto:mandy.feavel@avianconservationcenter.org).

Transcripts and additional information will be required if you wish to receive college credit for this internship.