

## **Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital In Wellington Internship Program:**

### **Hospital Internship:**

The hospital interns rotate through the surgery, and anesthesia services. Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Wellington works closely with our local internal medicine specialist and get a lot of hands on experience with them. Primary responsibilities will include diagnostics and complete care of hospital patients, emergency duty, anesthesia, imaging, assisting with lameness exams, and assisting with surgery and medicine procedures.

### **About the Rood & Riddle Internship Program:**

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Wellington's veterinary internship program was established in 2016. The practice currently offers 2 hospital internships. In addition, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital offers 8 hospital and 5 ambulatory internships. Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Saratoga offers 2 hospital internships. These internships are intended to provide each intern with the foundation to pursue a residency program or enter private practice.

Since the internship program commenced, 283 veterinarians have completed the program. Our interns are a diverse group having come from every veterinary school in the United States, 5 veterinary schools in Canada and the Caribbean, and from 13 other foreign veterinary schools.

A recent survey sent to 71 Rood and Riddle intern alumni from the last six years, garnered 58 responses. When asked if they would recommend the internship to others with similar career goals, 90% listed a positive or strongly positive response. Another question asked was whether the internship was consistent with its description on the RREH website. This yielded a 96% positive or strongly positive response.

The results of this survey support the goals and intent of our internship programs. The experiences gained during the first year out of school provide an important foundation upon which to build your career. Contact information for any of our past or current hospital or ambulatory interns can be provided, if desired.

### **Benefits:**

Internships are salaried positions, with benefits including health insurance, professional liability insurance, 1 week paid vacation, and expenses paid for one approved veterinary conference. For specific details on salary, benefits, and additional information, please see our internship program listing posted in Avenues on the American Association of Equine Practitioners website [www.aaep.org](http://www.aaep.org).

### **How to Apply:**

Internships are for one year and run from June to June. Applications are accepted in the fall of each year. Application deadline falls on October 31, for internships beginning the following year in May/June. Notification of acceptance is in early November.

To apply for a Hospital or Ambulatory internship position, please send a curriculum vitae, letter of intent, your veterinary school transcripts and 3 letters of reference to Starlee Smith at [ssmith@roodandriddle.com](mailto:ssmith@roodandriddle.com).

If you have any questions regarding this program, please direct your inquiry to Starlee Smith at [atssmith@roodandriddle.com](mailto:atssmith@roodandriddle.com).

## WELLINGTON INTERNSHIP

Practice Type:	Equine Exclusive
Number of Veterinarians:	4-6
Board Specialty:	Surgery
Number of Support Staff/Veterinarian:	4
Annual Caseload:	
Average Caseload per Veterinarian:	
Type of Cases:	<b>Location:</b>
	<b>Type:</b>
Facilities:	Diagnostics and surgery

### Internship Information

Type of Internship:	hospital
Internship Established:	2016
Number of Internships Available:	2
Philosophy of Internship:	Upon completion of the internship, each intern should have the foundation to enter private ambulatory practice or a residency position. The goal of the Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Wellington is to provide the highest quality medical and surgical care possible for our patients and the best possible service for our clients. In addition, to provide a level of post-graduate training that will well prepare the intern for a residency program or private practice. The interns play a vital role in achieving these goals. The interns are the most familiar with the details of each patient's status and care.
Applications will be accepted <u>up to</u> :	10-31-2017
Notifications will be made <u>no later than</u> :	11-24-2017
Internship Duties:	The hospital interns participate in the surgery, medicine and anesthesia services. Primary responsibilities will include care of hospital patients to include feeding, mucking, turn-out, emergency duty, anesthesia, imaging and other diagnostics, assisting with surgery and medicine procedures and lameness exams.

Direct Supervision:  
Estimated Work Load: variable with season  
Emergency Duties  
- Nights / Week: 6  
- Weekends / Month: 4  
- More Information: Internships are for one year and run from June to June.  
Terms of Employment:  
Internship Salary: \$30,000  
Benefits: Vacation (How many days per internship period 7) not to be taken during our "season" Dec 1- May 1  
CE Time off & Stipend  
Insurance All  
Licensing  
Professional Dues  
Pre-Req. and [Application Process](#): Graduate from veterinary school. It is strongly recommended but not required that an externship be completed with us before [applying for](#) an internship. Applications are not accepted before September 1 of the fall preceding the start of the internship. To [apply for](#) an internship please send a curriculum vitae, letter of intent, veterinary school transcripts and three letters of reference to Starlee Smith at [ssmith@roodandriddle.com](mailto:ssmith@roodandriddle.com)

Additional Information:

The hospital facility is 5000 square feet with 2 general anesthesia surgery rooms, 1 standing procedure rooms, 2 recovery stalls and 1 treatment/work area. We currently have 5 stalls under air and will house other patients in temporary stalls along with temporary isolation stalls. We also have a climate controlled podiatry center. The hospital interns rotate in 1 week period of being on surgery or anesthesia. The responsibilities of the interns vary between the services and the amount of work seasonal. During the busy season, the work day is routinely 12-13 hours long plus emergencies, but off season work days can be much shorter. Each day those interns with in-hospital patients, feed, water, clean stalls, assess each patient and perform minor treatments and bandage changes before morning rounds. After rounds, more extensive examinations and procedures are done with the clinician, e.g., lameness, endoscopic, ultrasound and radiographic exams, etc. The intern takes the majority of the routine radiographs to be interpreted with the senior clinician. The vast majority of the interns' time is spent in the hospital, but occasionally the intern accompanies the clinicians on the farm

calls that are performed by the hospital clinicians. An intern scrubs with the clinician on each surgery and an intern anesthetizes most patients. This provides firsthand experience as the anesthetist or assistant surgeon. Emergency duty is a significant part of the internship experience. Each emergency is supervised by a clinician with usually more than one intern present.

Internship Employment  
Contract:

Yes

Internship Coordinator:

Starlee Smith

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