

**VCA Shoreline & VCA Norwalk Veterinary Referral and Emergency Centers**

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1 Position

**Program Categories**  
SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE/SURGERY

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**Inclusive Dates of Program:** Fall 2017 to Fall 2018 or Winter 2018 to Winter 2019 (official dates to be determined)

**Employment Information**

**Salary:** \$35,000 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months, 42,000 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 months

**Benefits:** VCA provides its interns with a comprehensive benefits package, including:

- VIN Membership at no charge
- Continuing Education allowance
- Eligibility for Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage
- Eligibility for Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance
- Eligibility to participate in 401(k) retirement savings plan
- Professional Liability Coverage

**Vacation:** 5 days

**Is a contract required?** Yes

**Is a non-compete clause required?** No

**Is a State license required?** Yes **If yes, what is the licensure fee?** \$565.00-reimbursed

**Is a DEA license required?** No

**Is USDA accreditation required?** No

**Caseload**

The following information represents the average of cases in direct support of this program

Total No. Annual Cases	Average Daily No. Cases Presented to Hospital	Average No. Cases Treated Daily as Outpatients	Average No. of Inpatients Each Day	Average No. Daily Surgeries Performed	Average No. of ER Cases Seen Daily
25000	75	60	30	10	30

**Number of Faculty/Clinicians in Direct Support of Program:** 19

**Number of Residents in Direct Support of Program:** 0

**Diplomates in Direct Support of Internship**

	Full Time	Part Time/Consultant		Full Time	Part Time/Consultant
ABVP			ABVT		
ACLAM			ACPV		
ACT			ACVAA		
ACVB			ACVCP		
ACVD		2	ACVECC	2	
ACVIM/CARD		1	ACVIM/INTMED	3	
ACVIM/LA			ACVIM/NEUR	1	
ACVIM/ONC			ACVM		
ACVN			ACVO		

ACVP			ACVPM		
ACVR			ACVR/ONC		
ACVS	2	1	ACVSMR		
ACZM			AVDC		

### Registered/Licensed/Certified Veterinary Technicians

In Direct Support of Program	Assigned to the Emergency Service per shift	Assigned to the Intensive Care Unit per shift
14	3	1

### Outcomes Assessment

Average number of interns who started this program per year for the past 5 years: 11  
Average number of interns who completed this program per year for the past 5 years: 11  
Number of interns from this program who applied for a residency in the past 5 years: 30  
Number of interns from this program who accepted a residency in the past 5 years: 25

### Prerequisites other than being a Graduate of a College of Veterinary Medicine

Applicants must score high enough on National Boards to obtain CT license. Foreign graduates must be able to obtain a CT license.

### Requirements for Application

#### 1. Standard VIRMP Application Packet

- VIRMP Application
- Veterinary School Official Transcript from University Registrar
- Personal Statement
- Curriculum Vitae
- 3 - 4 Standardized Letters of Reference

#### 2. Additional Requirements from the Program

In-person interviews are strongly recommended. Video conference is an option if travel is not possible.

### Additional information for graduates of universities outside of the United States and Canada

Please see specifics for obtaining a CT license at [www.ct.gov/dph](http://www.ct.gov/dph). For questions regarding a work visa and/or a work visa assessment, please contact Danielle Nelisse at [Danielle@immigrationworkvisa.com](mailto:Danielle@immigrationworkvisa.com).

### Visa Sponsorship

If you will require visa sponsoring or are unsure about your work status, please review the [Information for Foreign Applicants](#) page and contact this program **prior to applying**. Please be aware that some programs listed in the VIRMP accept applications **ONLY** from citizens of the United States (or Canada if a Canadian program) or from applicants who possess permanent residency status at the time of application.

### Clinical Experience and Responsibilities

1.  Yes  No  
Does the intern have primary case care responsibility for [first-opinion](#) and emergency/critical care cases?
2.  Yes  No  
Is the intern the primary surgeon on a broad range of elective and entry-level procedures?
3.  Yes  No  
Does the intern have primary case care responsibility for complex cases with supervision by a boarded specialist?
4.  Yes  No  
Are patient rounds held daily with a boarded specialist in attendance?
5. 90%  
What is the percentage of time the intern will be directly supervised?

### Didactic Training

1.  Yes  No  
Are teaching rounds held weekly?
2.  Yes  No  
Does the intern deliver a professional presentation or seminar to senior clinicians and peers?

3.  Yes  No  
Does the intern have an opportunity to attend a professional meeting?
4.  Yes  No  
Is financial support provided to attend a professional meeting?
5.  Yes  No  
Is the intern required to complete/submit a publication?

### Facilities

1.  Yes  No  
Does the intern have access to current medical textbooks?
2.  Yes  No  
Is a computer with internet access provided?
3.  Yes  No  
Does the intern have access to search engines for scientific literature and online journals?
4.  Yes  No  
Does the primary hospital have an intensive care unit?

### Equipment

1. Do interns have access to the following equipment/technology, either on-site or outsourced?
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthroscopy</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic clinical laboratory equipment</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blood Gas Analysis</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blood Pressure Monitoring</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bone Plating Equipment</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT Scan</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic Laboratory</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Radiography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Echocardiography</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrocardiography</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endoscopy</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laparoscopy</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MRI</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Medicine</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy Equipment</li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound</li> </ul>
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### Scheduling **\*\*These percentages may not be cumulative**

1. 35%  
Percentage of program intern is assigned to daytime primary emergency
2. 10%  
Percentage of program intern is assigned to overnight primary emergency
3. 45%  
Percentage of program intern is assigned to [first opinion \(primary care\)](#) clinics
4. 0%  
Percentage of program intern is provided elective time
5. 10%  
Percentage of program intern is required to work at a secondary (satellite) clinic

### Orientation/Supervision/Mentoring

1.  Yes  No  
Is a formal orientation program required?
2.  Yes  No  
Does the intern have a mentor who is a veterinarian in the practice?
3.  Yes  No  
Are written performance evaluations provided?
4.  Yes  No  
Is an internship orientation manual provided?

### Additional Information about Program

The VCA Darien Animal Hospital/VCA Shoreline Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center/VCA Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center internship program began in 1983 and has grown from a 3,000 square foot facility with three board certified faculty and two interns to a nationally recognized program operating at three facilities: two state-of-the-art referral emergency critical care centers and one general practice. The current faculty consists of nine board certified specialists. The entire faculty is dedicated to teaching, both clinically and in the didactic programs of the internship. Historically, 50% of our interns have applied for residencies and over 90% have been successful in attaining a position in their chosen specialty. We support our interns by providing two additional days of time off to be used for interviews. Yearly exit interviews reveal that overall, our interns were glad that they did their internship here, and would even like to repeat it

because they learned so much in a more than positive work environment. Interns manage their own patients with as much help as needed from the staff. Interns learn and perform procedures such as endoscopy, ultrasound, and bronchoscopy, and in addition to general practice and emergency day and night receiving, they are exposed to cardiology, critical care, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, radiology, and surgery specialties.

The academic part of the program consists of daily didactic lectures, which include in-depth discussions in cardiology and ECG interpretation, critical care, internal medicine, neurology, radiology, and surgery topics. There is also a weekly journal club, daily case rounds, M&M rounds, weekly faculty lectures, and access to local veterinary association lectures with renowned speakers. Interns are expected to give one scholarly lecture in the second six-month period. Each intern is assigned a mentor who is responsible for the intern both personally and professionally. Meetings with mentors are scheduled every month, or as often as necessary. The goal of the program is to have each intern develop into a motivated, experienced professional who can function at the highest level in their chosen field.

All three of our hospitals are fully equipped with the diagnostic and therapeutic tools to handle critical care, medical, surgical, and neurosurgical patients. Equipment includes spiral double slice CT scanner, MRI, hemodialysis, full scoping capability including laparoscopy, gastroduodenoscopy, bronchoscopy, cystoscopy, telemetry, abdominal ultrasound, Vivid 7 echocardiography, and digital radiography.

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- Continuing education allowance
- Eligibility for Medical, Dental and Vision Coverage
- Eligibility for Life and Long-Term Disability Insurance
- Eligibility to participate in 401(k) retirement savings plan
- Professional Liability Coverage

The internship schedule encourages work/life balance, offering two days off per week in addition to the allotted vacation time and interview days, which gives our interns time to relax and explore what this beautiful area has to offer! We are located in the southwestern/coastal area of Connecticut just 45 minutes from midtown Manhattan. The area is home to some of the best restaurants, wineries, and museums in Connecticut! The area also features beautiful seasonal foliage, hiking trails, and lots of small town charm.