

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the licensed veterinary technician externship program at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo. The externship is a full time (three to five days a week, 8 hours a day), up to 16-week Zoological Externship opportunity for Senior Year Veterinary Technology Students in an accredited Veterinary Technology Program. The Bronx Zoo's Wildlife Health Center which provides medical, surgical, and pathology services to the Bronx Zoo, New York Aquarium, Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and Queens Zoo. The selected Extern will work alongside the Bronx Zoo LVTs on a multitude of daily procedures and tasks to help take care of Bronx Zoo collection animals including both field and in-hospital immobilizations and treatments. The student will be required to have completed their required skills list in their previous semesters and internships as this program cannot ensure the completion of these skills given the nature of our work and facility.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year so please indicate the preferred semester on the application. The applications will be reviewed before the semester starts and applicants will be contacted for an interview if selected.

The application must include the following information:

1. Completed application.
2. Current resume and cover letter.
3. School transcript (unofficial).
4. One letter of recommendation and any professional references if possible.

Once selected, students are required to provide their own room and board and transportation to the Bronx Zoo where there is parking and public transportation available. Students will be provided with a scrub top and pants and are encouraged to provide their own pair shoes/boots that can be designated to only be used at the Bronx Zoo.

All application materials can be submitted to Dalia Ferguson (Dferguson@wcs.org) and cc'd to Meredith Barton (mbarton@wcs.org).

We sincerely thank you for your time and interest in our program.

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Wildlife Conservation Society – Bronx Zoo

Veterinary Technology Externship Program 2022

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Bronx Zoo Zoological Health Department is offering a full time, 16-week Zoological Externship opportunity for Senior Year Veterinary Technology Students in an accredited Veterinary Technology Program. This externship program will take place at the Bronx Zoo's Wildlife Health Center which provides medical, surgical, and pathology services to the Bronx Zoo, New York Aquarium, Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and Queens Zoo. The selected Extern will have the opportunity to work alongside the Bronx Zoo LVTs on a multitude of daily procedures and tasks to help take care of Bronx Zoo collection animals. These tasks include, but are not limited to:

- *Set-up and break down of rooms/areas for non-sterile procedures and surgical procedures.*
- *Administration and monitoring of anesthesia and recovery.*
- *Obtaining blood samples and catheter placement.*
- *Obtaining multiple view radiographs.*
- *Preparation and administration of treatments to in-patients.*
- *Filling medication prescriptions including preventative medications.*
- *Laboratory Analysis of blood, fecal, urine, and cytological samples.*
- *General upkeep of the health center including stocking rooms, cleaning, and sterilization of surgical instruments and supplies.*

Requirements:

1. Student should be in good academic standing.
2. Proof of complete Covid-19 vaccination.
3. Proof of up-to-date tetanus vaccination.
4. Proof of up-to-date rabies vaccination.
5. Proof of negative Tuberculosis (TB) test (within three months of your starting date).
6. Proof of current health insurance.
7. Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
8. Ability to commit 3-5 days (8 hour days) weekly for 3-4 months.

Please include the following with your application:

1. Current transcript (unofficial).
2. Current Resume/CV and Cover Letter.
3. Semester in which you are applying (spring, fall, or summer).
4. One letter of recommendation.
5. Any professional references if possible.