

Opportunities in Private Practice – Clinical Experience in a Rural Practice in Oregon, Summer 2018

Dr. Wendy Labrousse, Ocean Blvd Veterinary Hospital, Coos Bay, OR

Two doctor Small Animal Veterinary practice in Coos Bay, Oregon. Caseload is a mixture of medicine, emergency care, dental surgery, and soft tissue surgery. Our practice focuses on individualized wellness care over the lifetime of our patients. Weekly team meetings are held for training in animal care skills and client service. We encourage students to participate to their ability/desire in case management. This is intended to be an opportunity to learn and develop in a fun atmosphere.

Dr. Keith Sides, Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic, Redmond, OR

High quality, busy, seven doctor, mostly dog and cat practice in Central Oregon where the health and well-being of our patients come first. We enjoy all aspects of veterinary medicine and foster a culture of learning. Our goal is to pass our passion for the profession onto the student we mentor. Respect for our team, a strong work ethic, and a sense of humor is required.

Dr. Katy Wallace, Sage Country Veterinary Service, Burns, OR

Rural mixed animal veterinary practice. We see 50% large animal and 50% small animal. We believe in an attitude of learning, we work hard, see beautiful country, and have a good time. We hope to show a future veterinarian how small town rural practice is rewarding in the exceptional opportunity to work closely with clients bringing them the best care we can, because of the long standing and personal connections made in a small town.

Application Process

Ask questions of last year's participants (Erin Byrne & Karen Pinochi).

Application: Use Biomedical Sciences Application Form (Deadline: January 26, 2018).

Interview with Veterinarians during Oregon Veterinary Conference (March 2-4, 2018).

Contract and Time Commitment

Students applying to this program need to commit to a 10-week program and are expected to make a 20 minute PPT presentation at the CVM Research Day, in early September, 2018.

Students are expected to take one week off after Spring finals and then to start on Monday of the following week.

Students may schedule another activity, not to exceed 1 week off, during the 10 week summer program.

Students are expected to work 40 h/wk (400 h total).

Students are finished at the completion of the 10 week program, which usually coincides with the research day presentation. Some students choose to spend more time in the summer program.

Mentors or coordinators may choose to withhold funding if students do not fulfill their work contract.

Students are paid in three allotments of \$1000 at the end of July, August, and September. **Payments CANNOT be given in advance of the scheduled pay dates.**

CE Program for General Public

There is an additional requirement that students work together with their OVMA mentor to deliver a CE program during the summer to the general public. Our goals are to take back the role of veterinarians in educating the general public about health concerns with their pets, and to promote the profession to the general public (marketing goal). Another goal is for students to be involved with the OVMA.

Suggestions for CE themes: Use same theme as OVMA State Fair booth. Handout materials are available. Recent booth themes have included pain management and poisonings. Emergency training for pet owners is another popular theme.

Our goal is to raise \$1000 per event. Money raised is used by the OVMA to buy white coats and stethoscopes for incoming veterinary students.