



BEMC Externship Expectations

- 1) We expect all externs to assist the clinicians during the day/evening activities. We provide onsite housing so that participating in emergencies is convenient. All veterinary students will be “on call” with the senior clinicians during their rotation at BEMC.
- 2) Equine veterinarians work long days and to accurately reflect this aspect of the profession, veterinary students will work hours similar to the BEMC clinicians. The day begins at whatever time is necessary for the extern to perform physical exams on all hospitalized cases prior to morning rounds, and ends when the last horse is cared for and the next days’ appointments have been reviewed.
- 3) Paperwork is a “necessary evil” of all segments of practice and it will be expected that externs will create discharge documents on patients they have worked with and submit these to the senior clinicians for edits/suggestions.
- 4) Externs are expected to review the case histories for the days appointments to which they are assigned to become familiar with the case and enhance the learning experience.
- 5) Client confidentiality is paramount, and all students will have to sign a nondisclosure agreement.
- 6) Externs will perform physical exams on all hospitalized cases and be prepared to present these cases at morning and afternoon rounds.
- 7) At least one day on the rotation will be spent in the hospital administering treatments with the technicians to familiarize the students with common treatments and routes of administration. Veterinary students will assist the technical staff in addition to the clinicians. All BEMC senior clinicians help our technical staff when possible, and we expect our externs to do the same. This may include outpatient appointment clean up, postoperative clean up etc.
- 8) Each extern will give an in-depth case presentation to all BEMC DVMs once weekly (a case of their choosing that they have worked on while at BEMC).
- 9) Teamwork is important in equine practice. We try to schedule the extern each day with different clinicians. If the assigned clinician does not have a full day, the Extern is expected to seek out other present Clinicians and offer assistance.