

I'm a veterinarian. Do I need to bring my support team?

No. If you are unable to bring along your surgical support team, you may still attend this program.

How far in advance are you booking?

This varies, so please contact mentorship@aspca.org to discuss a potential timeline for your training.

How often do you schedule training?

Our training program runs 50 weeks of the year.

I am licensed in the U.S. Do I need a temporary license?

Unless you are licensed in North Carolina, you will need to acquire a temporary North Carolina permit to perform surgeries at our clinic.

Are you open during holidays?

We have no training on MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Thanksgiving. We usually complete surgeries at noon the day before Independence Day and Thanksgiving.

Will I receive Continuing Education Credits?

This program is approved by the AAVSB RACE and NYSED to offer a total of 25 Continuing Education Credits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Do you provide accommodation?

Sorry, no. We only provide accommodation for participants of the [Veterinary Student Externship](#). However, we have secured great preferred rates with some [Asheville hotels](#), but take a look around, as you may be able to find a better deal. There are also two great hostels in Asheville.

Is there anything I should prepare?

Yes. You could watch our surgical training videos and become familiar with our protocols [here](#). You could also read our reference guide [here](#), and our pre-arrival information [here](#).

What should I bring?

[Please take a look at our pre-arrival information](#) (arrival times, what to bring, accommodation recommendations)

Do I need a car?

Yes, getting off-campus and around Asheville is much easier with a car.

Can I start on a Tuesday?

Sorry, no. To keep the number of surgeries as high as possible, we only provide one orientation, which takes place on a Monday morning.