

I have already graduated. Can I still attend this program?

The *Veterinary Student Externship* is only open to senior veterinary students. If you are a graduated veterinarian, you may participate in our *Veterinarian Training Program*. For more information on this program, visit: <https://www.aspcapro.org/training-site-training/veterinarian-training>.

Do you provide accommodation?

Yes, we offer on-campus dorm-style accommodation for \$100 per training. Each unisex room consists of two bunk beds, storage, reading light, pillow, one blanket, and Wi-Fi. The dorm also contains a kitchen, dining room, lounge, computer room, and bathroom/showers. A laundry facility is located within close proximity of our campus.

Check in for the dormitory building is 8:00 a.m. on your first day. Checkout is 8:15 a.m. on your last day (though your responsibilities extend to around 4:00 p.m. that day). If your flight out is on the Saturday, you will need to find alternate accommodation for Friday night. Hotel information, for nights in Asheville before and after those times, can be found here:

https://www.aspcapro.org/sites/default/files/wysiwyg-uploads/asna_extern_pre-arrival_information.pdf

Do I need a car?

Yes, getting off-campus and around Asheville is much easier with a car. Don't forget, though, that you will not be the only student training with us, and others may have cars you can pool.

Are stipends awarded for this position?

No. The *Veterinary Student Externship* is an unpaid learning opportunity.

Are you open during holidays?

We have no training on MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Thanksgiving. We usually finish surgeries at noon the day before Independence Day and Thanksgiving. We are also closed for two weeks around the winter holidays. You will still receive credit for closed holidays during your rotation.

I have to fill out a form. What are my supervisor's details?

We will assign an instructor to you two months before your arrival. Should you need to complete a college form prior to this time, you should use our medical director's details:

- Facility: ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance
- Melissa Saxton, DVM - Medical Director, Building B
- Address: 25 Heritage Drive, Asheville, NC 28806
- Phone: (828) 252-2079 | Fax: (828) 785-1972
- Email: vetstudent@aspca.org

I'm traveling from another country. Which visa do I need?

We're legally not allowed to give out visa advice. The rules change all the time with immigration, and if one is not trained/licensed, a person could end up giving bad advice. We recommend, therefore, that you speak with your university's international office (or equivalent) to make sure you have all you need for crossing the border. You should, however, make sure you bring your acceptance letter, which stipulates you won't be receiving financial compensation for training with us. That's usually a red flag at border control.

What should I bring?

Information can be found here:

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What is a Dean's Letter?

A Dean's letter is something that is produced from your school and sent to the NC veterinary board as part of your permit application. It is a letter that verifies your status with your school (e.g., full-time fourth year student) and that you are in good standing.