

Pre-arrival Information

What to Expect

We are excited to host you for training in Asheville! We strive to provide a collaborative and open learning environment; we want you to be comfortable as you practice and hone your skills and learn new surgical techniques. There is no expectation as to the number of surgeries you are to perform during your week with us; we only ask that you arrive on campus ready to learn, and we encourage you to ask for the, "Why" behind our processes so you can decide what makes the most sense for you. You will receive a training schedule approximately 2 weeks before arrival. Training typically begins at 8:30 AM on Monday and continues until around 3:00 PM on Thursday. Training takes place at 25 Heritage Drive, Building A (upper building). Please park in the back lot and enter through the door marked "side entrance." A member of ASNA's team will meet you for a brief orientation and tour of campus.

What to Bring

- Medical staff: Scrubs; non-slip, closed-toed shoes (no Crocs); scrub cap.
- Medical staff: No dangling jewelry; minimal personal scents; short, clean fingernails (nail clippers can be provided on Monday morning as needed).
- Admin staff: Closed-toed shoes; comfortable business casual clothing or scrubs.
- All: Reusable water bottle; notepad.
- If you have a latex allergy, please bring your own gloves.
- Medical staff do not need to bring their own stethoscope to use for the week.

Veterinarian Requirements

All veterinarians must have a North Carolina temporary license to perform surgeries. You have received instructions via email for the application process and are responsible for obtaining this permit.

CE Credits

CE credits for our training programs vary from 20 hours (for professional vet training) to 23 hours (for team training). Our programs are AAVSB RACE and NYSED approved. CE credits may vary slightly depending on patient availability, shortened weeks, or other circumstances.

Training Resources

Our protocols and training reference guides will be emailed to you prior to training. In addition to these guides, we offer numerous spay/neuter resources online at ASPCApro.org, which houses our spay/neuter library. If there is a specific protocol or policy you would like a copy of, please ask, and we can easily locate and share it with you. While on our campus, you may encounter protocols, guides, or other resources that may be helpful to you – these resources are open source and we are happy to share them.

Photos and Videos While on Campus

If you see something that you would like a copy of or more information on, please ask us, and we can send it to you. We ask that you not take photos in the clinic without permission. If there is something you would like a photo of, we will likely have it already on-hand and can share it with you as well.

Getting Here & Getting Around

Asheville Regional Airport (AVL) is a 20-minute drive from our clinic and is serviced by American, Delta, and United, as well as Allegiant and Spirit. Other options include Charlotte, NC (CLT), a 2-hour drive from Asheville, or Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP), a 1.5-hour drive. We recommend that you rent a car to get around town. Ride sharing and public transportation are available but are limited.

About Asheville

Downtown Asheville (1) is a vibrant area with unique shops and restaurants. It offers many lodging options and is a 10-minute drive from our facility. West Asheville (2) is a pocket neighborhood of Asheville with its own mini-downtown. There are no hotels, but many Airbnb's and is also within a 10-minute drive from our campus. Additional areas to look for lodging are Biltmore Village (3), but this area is not as convenient to our facility. South Asheville is closest to the AVL airport (4). Numbered points on the map below are approximate and are intended for travel-planning purposes only. Numbers correspond to the areas referenced above. Please email us if you have questions about travel or lodging.

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