

Senior Intern Position Description

The Center for Wildlife Senior Internship offers practical, hands-on experience in a large rehabilitation clinic. Some of the skills learned include species identification, husbandry techniques, wild animal handling, medical exams/triage, administration of medication, managing, supervising, and training other interns and volunteers, and other procedures. Senior Interns report directly to staff and work closely with the medical clinic team in a more experienced and supervisory role than first-year Wildlife Care Interns. Extensive training and workshops are provided. A Senior Intern is expected to work 40 hours/ week in 5 shifts from March 15 – October 15 2012. Shifts include some early, late, and weekend shifts but schedule is set for the duration of the internship. Vacations are unpaid and must be approved in advance.

Duties Include:

- Assisting staff with medical exams
- Accepting admissions and giving initial critical care to new patients
- Assist staff in detailed oversight of baby bird, baby mammal, and turtle care (ensuring proper daily care, timely patient progression, medication is administered, food and utensils are stocked, etc. for up to 100 patients at a time)
- Administering medication to patients
- Supervising, training, and managing up to 5 other volunteers/interns on shift
- Handling raptors, small mammals, and reptiles
- Provide assistance and education to public on phone and during admissions
- Provide home care to neonate mammals too young to stay at clinic
- Hand-feeding baby mammals and baby birds
- Tube-feed emaciated raptors and water-birds
- Assist staff in weighing, managing habitat set-ups, updating boards and paperwork for over 36 outdoor enclosures and reptiles
- Perform all functions necessary to keep patients fed, clean, and comfortable so that staff can focus on intensive medical care, diagnosis, and research

Qualifications/ Experience:

- At least 1 year of experience in wildlife rehabilitation and be familiar with the daily routine of a clinic (preferably one of comparable size: ~1,700 animals per year)
- Comfortable with/ have experience in handling/restraining birds, small mammals, and reptiles
- Basic knowledge of natural history of Maine/NH birds, small mammals, and reptiles
- Experience in hand-feeding baby mammals and baby songbirds a plus
- Ability to multi-task, organize lists, delegate, and manage several duties at once a MUST
- Ability to work efficiently and thoroughly
- Be a patient and professional leader, teacher, and role model for volunteers and junior interns
- Empower volunteers and interns and assist staff in creating a supportive and fun atmosphere while ensuring all shift duties are completed in a timely manner
- Reliable and punctual
- Ability to take delegation and corrections from staff in a positive and openly communicative manner
- Initiative and motivation to take charge of daily activities and learn medical aspects of wildlife rehabilitation from staff

Senior interns will be paid a stipend of \$200/ week, and housing may be provided as needed or available.