



Veterinary Health Center
University of Missouri

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OPPORTUNITIES

Join Our SAECC Team

The Small Animal Hospital at the Veterinary Health Center provides around-the-clock, around-the-calendar care for ill and injured dogs and cats. We receive emergencies 24/7, 365 days a year. The Veterinary Health Center is a Level 2 small animal emergency hospital as certified by the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society. As a registered veterinary technician, you would play a crucial role in SAECC operations.



Many of the SAECC technician responsibilities are patient stabilization; IV catheter placement; phlebotomy; monitoring patients on various types of equipment, such as telemetry, blood pressure monitors and fluid pumps; medication administration; urinary, jugular and arterial catheter placement; cardiopulmonary resuscitation and after-care; and placing peripherally inserted central catheters.

Teaching is another important component of the VHC. In addition to providing care, our technicians are involved in teaching these clinical skills to veterinary students. Working in the VHC offers many possibilities for career advancement and the ability to grow as a technician.

The University of Missouri offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, paid time off, and educational fee discounts. RVTs working in our SAECC service are eligible to receive additional compensation.

The VHC also offers a Veterinary Technician Career Ladder, which recognizes and rewards an employee's pursuit of further education, mastery of technical skills, teaching and publications, and/or specialty certification, with compensation over and above an annual salary increase.

The Veterinary Health Center also has opportunities for technicians interested in anesthesia, cardiology, clinical pathology, community practice, equine medicine and surgery, food animal medicine and surgery, internal medicine, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology, radiology, shelter medicine, surgery, surgical oncology, and theriogenology.



Jennifer Polkow-Haight Memorial Veterinary Technician Externship at MU

Our Veterinary Technician Externship Program allows students who are enrolled in traditional in-person veterinary technician programs to learn about the career specialty fields available at the MU VHC.

Program Highlights

- Up to six positions available per year.
- Positions are available year-round depending on applicant's school schedule.
- Multiple sections are available for rotations: anesthesia, cardiology, clinical pathology, community practice, emergency care, equine, food animal/theriogenology, intensive care, internal medicine, oncology, ophthalmology, shelter medicine, and small animal surgery.

If you have questions about the externship program, contact Anastasia Glahn, BS, RVT, VTS (oncology), vhctechexternship@missouri.edu.



VHC and Columbia Advantages

* The MU Veterinary Health Center provides state-of-the-art teaching and medical services. In addition to regular check-ups and preventive health care for companion animals and livestock, we offer specialized treatment.

* Veterinarians throughout the Midwest refer patients to the VHC for specialized



diagnoses and treatment. With sophisticated therapeutic equipment, advanced imaging and groundbreaking diagnostic methods, we are a regional center for animal health care. Clinical services are provided by faculty, residents and interns, technicians, veterinary assistants and students. Patients benefit from the expertise of a focused, communicative clinical team.

* The MU College of Veterinary Medicine also offers a bachelor of science degree in veterinary technology. The BSVT degree program accepts technicians who have already earned an associate's degree in veterinary technology in a program accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association. The program is completely online and asynchronous, permitting veterinary technicians to complete their bachelor's degree while continuing to work. MU CVM employees are eligible for a 75 percent reduction of tuition and fees.

* Columbia combines small-town comforts, community spirit and a low cost of living with big-city culture, activities and resources. Our city of about 110,000 people lies midway between St. Louis and Kansas City. It is packed with restaurants and entertainment venues, parks and outdoor recreation sites; and hosts more than a dozen annual cultural festivals. *Money* magazine, *Fortune* magazine, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Men's Journal*, MSN.com and others have named Columbia one of the best places in the country to live.

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