

Louisiana State University/Banfield, The Pet Hospital 12 Week Externship for ECFVG Candidates

Background

LSU and Banfield plan to cooperate in a two-part clinical training program for ECFVG candidates. The first 40 weeks will be at LSU. The final 12 weeks will be at selected Banfield Hospitals.

Purpose

The purpose of the program is to:

1. Prepare candidates for the ECFVG Clinical Proficiency Examination
2. Increase veterinary knowledge and skills applicable to North America
3. Become familiar with the culture of practice in North America
4. Improve communication in veterinary professional terminology
5. Develop skills in client communication in the U.S.

LSU SECTION

The content of the time spent at LSU is described on the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences website www.vetmed.lsu.edu/vcs Contact information at LSU is described on the website.

BANFIELD SECTION

Clinical Experience

Banfield will assign an experienced mentor doctor for each ECFVG candidate participating in the program. The candidate will be expected to expand their knowledge base in medical science. Additionally, they will learn teamwork, responsibility, client service, the business of veterinary medicine, ethics and more.

Banfield Experience Objectives

1. Gain experience in general Pet medicine in a bond-centered practice
2. Understand Banfield's best practice standards, code of conduct and ethics
3. Understand the concepts of quality medicine and preventive care
4. Understand how both high quality and high case load can compliment each other
5. Learn to perform physical exams and record a thorough medical history
6. Improve technical skills such as:
 - a. Blood drawing
 - b. Placing catheters
 - c. Giving injections
 - d. Giving fluids
 - e. Assisting in anesthesia and surgery under the mentor doctor's direct supervision
7. Collect and interpret laboratory specimens

8. Learn to order appropriate diagnostic tests
9. Learn to establish effective therapeutic plans
10. Learn how to properly restrain dogs, cats and exotic Pets for different medical procedures
11. Learn how to efficiently and effectively use hospital instruments and equipment
12. Learn how to charge appropriately for services provided and why this is important
13. Learn and practice effective client and team communication skills
14. Learn to work effectively with hospital team members and others critical to your success

How to apply:

Choose your top 3 hospital choices by looking them up on <http://www.banfield.net/health/search.asp>. Email Amy Walker with your top 3 choices. She will email you an application and begin working on matching you with a hospital of your choice. Her email is Amy.Walker@banfield.net.

Housing and Transportation

We will pay you a \$200 per week stipend to cover any housing or transportation expenses you might incur. You will need to provide your own housing and transportation so be sure to choose a location where you have a place to stay.

Conclusion

Banfield will work closely with LSU to provide the ECFVG candidates an outstanding medical learning experience.

At the end of the 12 weeks, the Banfield mentor doctor will provide an evaluation of the candidate for LSU grade records.