

SWEP

Summer Work Experience Program



Make a difference in a veterinary student's future. Hire a student for the whole summer, or consider a one or two-week involvement in a hospital/clinic rotation with one or more colleagues in your area.

Why employ a veterinary student this summer?

1. Develop relationships with potential future associates.
2. Provide the student with an invaluable and realistic experience.
3. Give students exposure to the practice environment in your area.
4. Take an active part in reducing student debt load.

The **CVMA Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP)** helps second and third-year students gain valuable real-world experience and minimizes student debt load. It allows the practitioner to participate in the educational experience and get to know future associates. Though it may seem a little early to be thinking about next summer, the students need to know about summer employment opportunities prior to committing themselves to externships and summer clinics.

How does the program work?

Fill out the online form in your email by **February 16, 2025**. The information you provide will be emailed to eligible student members and will be available in the student section on the CVMA website. Students will check for employment opportunities and contact you directly.

Thank you for your active involvement in providing an outstanding opportunity for your future colleagues. If you have any questions, please email [Laura Phillips, CVMA Student Services Manager at LPhillips@cvma.net](mailto:LPhillips@cvma.net) or call **800.655.2862.**

Veterinary Student Job Tasks:

First- and second-year students may practice as veterinary assistants. Third- and fourth-year students may practice as registered veterinary technicians. A student becomes a second- or third-year student upon completion of his or her course of study the first and second years – i.e.: They are third-year students during the summer between their second and third years.

Section 2036: Animal Hospital Health Care Tasks for RVTs

(b) An RVT may perform the following procedures only under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

- Induce anesthesia
- Apply casts and splints
- Perform dental extractions
- Suture cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues, gingival and oral mucous membranes
- Create a relief hole in the skin to facilitate placement of an intravascular catheter

(c) Subject to the provisions of subsection(s) (a), (b) and (c) of this section, an RVT may perform animal health care tasks under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The degree of supervision by a licensed veterinarian over a RVT shall be consistent with the standards of good veterinary medical practices.

Section 2036.5: Animal Hospital Health Care Tasks for Permit Holders and Veterinary Assistants

(a) Permit holders and veterinary assistants shall be prohibited from performing any of the functions or activities specified in the subsections (a) (b) and (c) of Section 2036 of these regulations, except that a permit holder under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian may administer a controlled substance. (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, permit holders and veterinary assistants in an animal hospital setting may perform auxiliary animal health care tasks under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed veterinarian or the direct supervision required of an R.V.T. performs the same task and shall be consistent with standards of good veterinary medical practices.