

Rotating Internship program

University Veterinary Teaching Hospital (UVTH/OVUD) of Parma

What is a Rotating Internship Program

The rotating internship program is composed of a broad range of clinical assignments across the major divisions of companion animal veterinary medicine. This year of comprehensive broad postgraduate training and experience prepares a veterinarian for high- quality service in practice or for training in an area of specialisation. An internship program of at least 12 months is required for admission to a residency program and it has international validity. The OVUD offers a program that follows the recommendations of the American Veterinary Medical Association's Guidelines for Internships (<https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/Veterinary-Internships-Guidelines.aspx>).

Rotating Program and other activities

The rotating program is a full-time activity throughout a whole year (48 weeks of rotation). Interns rotate between medicine, surgery and other specialistic services. Interns will participate in after-hours emergency duty in a rotating basis and will remain in the hospital overnight. Interns on emergency duty assist on oversight of ICU patients and will support the small animal emergency clinician. Faculty clinicians are committed to providing consultation and back-up support for house officers assigned to emergency duty. Interns will closely work with Faculty clinicians and board certified clinicians in several specialties. Other elective rotations (exotics and parasitology) may be available.

The rotating program is structured as follows:

- . Internal Medicine (12 weeks)
- . Emergency care and Intensive care (12 weeks)
- . Surgery (soft tissue-orthopedics-endoscopy-neurosurgery-reproduction) (9 weeks)
- . Anesthesia (3 weeks)
- . Diagnostic imaging (ultrasound, radiology, CT) (4 weeks)
- . Cardiology (3 weeks)
- . Neurology (3 weeks)
- . 2 elective weeks

Interns will progressively be introduced to take on primary case responsibility, with faculty supervision. Interns will be assigned first opinion cases on an individual basis within the service rotations and during rotations in the emergency care. Supervised clinical activities will be commensurate with increasing clinical competency. Tutorship and faculty supervision will assure monitoring, evaluation and progressive grading of clinical skills and competencies.

Interns have to participate to daily clinical rounds and scheduled journal clubs and house officer rounds. Twice a year they have to present to Faculties and Students a clinical case/clinical research in which they are primary involved.

Interns will receive a bi-annual written evaluation which are discussed with the Intern Advisor and the Hospital Director.

Interns have 4 weeks/year of vacation, inclusive of two weeks of OVUD closure (Christmas and August). The holiday period has to be approved by the program director. Attendance to courses/congresses during the rotating period has to be approved by the program director.

Admission to the program

There are two Intern positions every six months (January and July). They will be advertised twice a year on the Veterinary Department website (<https://smv.unipr.it/it>) and on OVUD website. A motivational interview will be held for the admission.

Requirements to apply for the Internship Rotational program

- . Graduation in Veterinary Medicine in the past 3 years
- . Professional qualification (when applicable)
- . Registration in the veterinary medical register (when applicable)
- . CV and a motivation statement
- . Two recommendation letters
- . Fluent English and (at least) scholar Italian for foreign applicants