

FAQs

1. Does the practice or the externship provide housing or transportation?

A: No, although host site mentors may be able to give recommendations on travel and housing, it will be up to the students to make their own arrangements.

2. What should I wear at the track?

A: Business casual attire often worn when working around horses. Recommend jeans/khakis; polo type or button-down shirt; closed toed shoes.

3. What time does the day start and where will I meet you?

A: This will be determined by your host site mentor but, likely to be somewhere between 5:00am and 7:00am.

4. What time does the day end?

A: The length of the workday will depend on whether that day is scheduled for live racing and arrangements made with your host site mentor.

5. Should I pack lunch?

A: You should bring snacks, water, etc. for your personal needs, and discuss arrangements for lunch with your host site mentor.

6. Should I bring anything?

A: Students are encouraged to bring a stethoscope and their formulary.

7. Can I get academic credit through my university?

A: This will depend on the requirements of the university you are attending.

8. Will I be performing any procedures?

A: This experience will be observational with limited hands-on opportunities, depending on environment and circumstances, however you will be exposed to a large caseload with significant amount of lameness exams and diagnostic approaches. Students must receive permission from host site mentors to have physical contact or take pictures of horses.

9. What will my day look like?

A: Typical days include lameness, prerace, or soundness examinations; imaging; endoscopic exams; exams on horses that have illnesses; preventive medicine; minor surgical procedures; emergencies as they may arise.

10. Who do I contact if I am late, sick or have a conflict?

A: Students should contact their host site mentor scheduled for that day.