



The Potter Park Zoo Student Preceptorship

The Potter Park Zoo is located in Lansing, Michigan. The zoo houses 400 animals and over 130 species including a diverse collection of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. The Zoo is located near Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and frequently collaborates on cases with the university.

Veterinary students in their third or fourth (clinical) years of school are encouraged to apply for a 3-6 week preceptorship. A three week rotation is the minimum, however, 6 weeks is preferred in order for the student to get a well-rounded, full experience. The best times to come to the zoo are the spring, fall, and winter due to a typically higher case load related to the weather.

The Potter Park Zoo veterinary department employs 1 full time veterinarian (an ACZM diplomate), one resident, and one licensed veterinary technician. The veterinary clinic is well-equipped with radiology, ultrasonic dentistry, large and small animal anesthetic machines (with both sevoflurane and isoflurane). A preceptorship at the Potter Park Zoo is an excellent opportunity for veterinary students to experience the day to day life of a zoo veterinarian and learn about zoo medicine.

How to apply:

Send a copy of your current resume or CV with at least 2 references listed and a letter explaining why you want to do the preceptorship along with available dates to Tara M. Harrison, DVM, MPVM, Dipl. ACZM

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