



**KING CONSERVATION
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**BROOKFIELD ZOO
CHICAGO**

College Internship Program

Veterinary Technician Intern/Extern

Department

Animal Care & Programs

Work Group or Team

Animal Hospital

Season/Term

Winter (mid-January start through end of April),

Level of Commitment

Part-time

Est. Hours per Week

24+

Fall (Late September start through December)

Pay Rate

Unpaid

Position Summary

This position contributes to the success of Brookfield Zoo Chicago by providing technical and medical support to the veterinary staff for the care provided to the animal collection and hospitalized patients.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Assists the Veterinary Services Department and the Chicago Zoological Society in creating innovations and excellence in conservation leadership and animal welfare.
- Provide routine and emergency care for animals, including feeding, bathing, exercising, and restraining animals during examinations and procedures.
- Assisting with medical procedures such as blood draws, vaccinations, wound care, and administering medications.
- Collecting and processing laboratory samples, performing basic lab tests, and recording results.
- Preparing animals for surgery, assisting during surgical procedures, and monitoring animals during recovery.
- Maintaining accurate and detailed records of animal health, treatment plans, and medications administered.
- Other related duties as assigned.

Requirements & Specifications

- Currently enrolled in an accredited Veterinary Technician program.
- Student must represent Brookfield Zoo Chicago in a professional manner at all times.
- Veterinary technicians are frequently subjected to potential hazards that include direct contact with or close proximity to live animals. Student must possess knowledge of occupational hazards and safe work practices around such hazards. These positions are physically demanding, and student may be subjected to a variety of physical demands and environmental factors and exposures.