



Rehabilitation Intern Job Description

Job Title: Rehabilitation Intern

Work Location: This position works out of the Carolina Raptor Center Hospital building, located at 6000 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078. It requires reliable transportation to commute.

Purpose of Position: Rehabilitation Interns assist staff in the daily operations of the Raptor Hospital. Interns develop medical skills to care for wild patients alongside staff, including administering medications and treatments, performing intake exams, and participating in rescues and releases. Interns learn from staff in all departments and participate in events and educational programming. Interns complete a project fitted to their interests and designed to make an impact on CRC.

Over the course of your internship, you will receive hands-on training for more advanced medical skills, including, but not limited to:

- Analyzing fecal and blood samples
- Performing wraps and bandage changes
- Practicing eye exams
- *And more!*

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Assist staff with functions required to successfully rehabilitate wild raptors
- Clean indoor and outdoor enclosures
- Prepare food
 - Diet preparation (including medications/supplements)
 - Diet distribution
- Learn and observe bird behavior
- Learn CRC welfare standards including euthanasia
- Learn RaptorMed to document feeding and behavior
- General cleaning of the facilities, supplies and equipment
- Answering the phone and assisting in arranging transport of injured patients
- Completing an intern project by the end of term

Qualifications: This position best suits individual with the following:

- Ability to lift 50 lbs.
- Can work self-guided and with others
- Ability to work with people from all backgrounds
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Strong stomach (food prep and a variety of injuries)



- Observant
- Willing to speak up and ask questions
- Follow instructions, both written and verbal
- Can work outside in all weather conditions
- Basic computer skills

Ability to work with or around sick and injured birds, potentially hazardous materials, cleaning chemicals, gas anesthetics, zoonotic diseases, and unpleasant odors. If you are immunocompromised or pregnant/planning to become pregnant, you should obtain medical clearance from your physician.

Commitment Expectations: This is an unpaid position. Interns are required to work at least three days per week. You must complete one full shift (8 hours) per week, in addition to their other shifts. Morning shifts are 4 hours (8am-12pm), midday shifts are 3 hours (11am-1pm) and afternoon/evening shifts are 4 hours (2pm-6pm).

- *Summer session:* Interns are expected to work full-time (~35 -40 hours per week) in our raptor hospital, with the term spanning from mid-May or early June until mid-August or early September.
- *Spring session:* Interns are expected to be part-time (~15-20 hours per week), with the term spanning from January until mid-April or early May.
- *Fall session:* Interns are expected to be part-time (~15-20 hours per week), with the term spanning from mid-August or early September until December.

Start and end dates are flexible. However, interns are expected to have a consistent schedule.

Training: New interns will receive general volunteer orientation training with our Volunteer Manager, including a scavenger hunt and on-site training. In addition, there will be hospital specific training on the day of onboarding training where you will learn the following skills.

- Using a scale
- Introduction to the computer program, RaptorMed
- Bird behavior

Additional hands-on training will begin on your first day and continue throughout your first week. Here you will learn the following:

- Layout of the outdoor hospital trail
- Continue learning about bird behavior
- Learn how to clean indoor and outdoor enclosures
- Learn how we admit and care for our birds daily

Age Requirements: 18 years old



Other Requirements: You will need to pass a background check before starting, provided through Priority Background Information Solutions. A tetanus shot is highly recommended.

Interested Applicants can [apply online](#).