



## Raptor Hospital Internship Description

**Title:** Raptor Hospital Internship

**Work Location:** This position is located at the Carolina Raptor Center Hospital, located at 6000 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078. This position requires reliable transportation to commute.

**Purpose of Position:** Raptor Hospital Interns assist staff in providing all basic husbandry and medical needs to wild patients admitted to the Raptor Hospital. Through hands-on learning and coaching, Raptor Hospital interns play a critical role in the successful rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured, sick, and orphaned raptors admitted to Carolina Raptor Center's hospital.

### Responsibilities and Duties:

- Assist rehabilitation staff with duties involved in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of raptors
- Administer medications, provide treatments, perform basic wound care and bandaging, and capture radiographs.
- Conduct intake procedures for newly admitted patients including intake examinations
- Assist with flight evaluations and release preparations
- Complete bi-weekly check-ins with Intern Coordinator
- Cleaning indoor and outdoor enclosures
- Prepare carnivorous diets for patients
- Learn and observe bird behavior
- Use RaptorMed to document feeding and behavior
- General cleaning of the building, supplies and equipment
- Opportunity to complete an intern project of your choosing by the end of term
- Answer the phone and assist in arranging transport

**Qualifications:** This position best suits individual with the following:

- Excited to work in a professional wildlife rehabilitation setting
- Can work self-guided and with others
- Ability to work with people from all backgrounds
- Able to work in a fast-paced environment
- Strong stomach (for witnessing 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
- Learn CRC welfare standards including euthanasia
- Basic computer skills



**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. Opening shifts: 8-4, closing shifts: 10-6, though shorter shifts may be accommodated

- *Summer session:* Interns are expected to work a minimum of 25 hours 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 (20-25 hours) 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 onboarding training with our Volunteer Manager, including a scavenger hunt and on-site onboarding training.

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
- Necropsy
- Performing wraps and bandage changes
- Practicing eye exams
- Assisting veterinarians with surgical procedures
- *And more!*

**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.

