

Greetings!

My name is Dr. Shaunita Sharpe, and I am a critical care specialist practicing at a very busy emergency and referral hospital just outside of Chicago, IL. Veterinary Specialty Center (VSC) is a privately owned and state-of-the-art hospital that provides exceptional medical care to a family's beloved pet when needed most.

VSC strives to provide high-quality medicine and is considered the premier hospital in the area. We are a multidisciplinary teaching hospital that believes collaborative medicine is necessary to provide the best outcome for our patients. Our team delivers phenomenal care and daily we lean on each other for support. We have a sense of community within our hospital and we desire to provide that same support to the community we serve. We know our surrounding community is composed of many different races, ethnic backgrounds and religions. It is imperative that our profession reflects the world we share.

VSC is a hospital that believes in the importance of equity and inclusion. We understand the veterinary profession continues to be the least diverse profession in the United States. There is an absolute need to recruit and ensure there is the retention of underrepresented students within our profession. VSC desires to do our part to attract a student body that is more reflective of society, resulting in a more diverse applicant pool. That being said, we are very excited to sponsor our pre-vet enrichment program for university students who plan to apply for vet school.

Our summer enrichment program will provide students with an in-depth veterinary experience focusing on the different disciplines of veterinary medicine. You will spend time on the clinic floor with a veterinarian gaining meaningful and hands-on experiences that will prepare you for a career in veterinary medicine. You will also be mentored and given guidance on how to prepare for the application process to veterinary school. Ultimately, our goal is to ensure that you can be a competitive applicant and feel prepared for a career in veterinary medicine.

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