EQUINE PERFORMANCE MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION RESIDENCY

The Equine Performance Medicine and Rehabilitation (EPR) residency training program at the University of Tennessee (UT) is a three year program that meets the requirements as set forth by the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR). Upon successful completion of the program, the resident will have completed the ACVSMR residency requirements and will be able to submit their credentials for approval to take the ACVSMR examination. The primary objective of the residency program is to train veterinarians in the didactic and technical aspects of sports medicine and rehabilitation so they may enter academic veterinary medicine or a specialty practice and be qualified for board certification by examination. The program adheres to residency program requirements as imposed by the ACVSMR.

The UT Veterinary Medical Center is a modern facility with state of the art equipment for the management of performance medicine and rehabilitation cases, including an in ground underwater treadmill, therapeutic lasers, Total Body Vibration, Cold Saltwater therapy unit, neuromuscular electrical stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound, extracorporeal shockwave treatment, and a variety of equipment for therapeutic exercises. The hospital is equipped with a Lameness Locator® system, dynamic videoendoscopy, thermography, Tekscan Pressure Mat system, arthroscopic and laparoscopic equipment, surgical lasers, radiotherapy, digital radiography and ultrasonography, and fracture fixation systems. Motion analysis (kinematic) equipment is also available for gait evaluation. The facility has a full size indoor arena for performance evaluations and lameness diagnostic center.

Admission to the second and third years of the program is contingent upon successful completion of each preceding year. The resident is given approximately 10 days of vacation time each year and share holiday schedules with other residents. Yearly financial support is provided for the resident to attend regional and national meetings during their residency and residents are expected to attend continuing education programs pertinent to their program. The third year resident will be expected to attend a major meeting to present a paper reporting the results of their research project. Residents are encouraged to present papers at other state, regional and national meetings to gain additional professional experience and exposure.

The University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture, is committed to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. Due to funding limitations, this program is open only to the following applicants:

- United States Citizens or United States Permanent Residents (those holding a “green” card)
- Those that do not require a VISA to work in the United States
- Those eligible for a Mexican or Canadian NAFTA Professional Worker(TN)VISA

The College provides neither assistance for nor support for obtaining such Employment Authorization.
For more details or if you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the program director at the University of Tennessee. If you cannot schedule a visit, please contact residents currently within the program or those that have recently completed the program. Our departmental web site address is https://vetmed.tennessee.edu/departments/Pages/default.aspx.

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