

Q: Where did you intern, and when?

I interned at the Mercer County Wildlife Center in Titusville, NJ during the summer of 2021.

Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?

It was not paid. I helped the facility care for various long-term patients, including songbirds, foxes, raccoons, squirrels, and turtles. I mainly cleaned animal pens and prepared meals, but I also got to syringe-feed baby birds and bottle-feed baby raccoons! Towards the end of the season, we also got to release some of our patients into the wild.

Q: When did you apply for this internship?

I applied during the Spring semester in 2021.

Q: How long did the internship last?

It lasted for 12 weeks, with 3 and 4 day alternating work weeks, with shifts of 8 hours a day.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

I searched online for animal care internships in New Jersey and this program came up.

Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?

The job is hard, sweaty work, but it is an amazing way to get close-up experience with many types of animals that you wouldn't necessarily encounter in most programs. Of course, it was incredibly rewarding to release our patients into the wild for a second chance at life. Also, I made an amazing group of friends, who I still keep in touch with today!

Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?

I am on the pre-vet track.

Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?

I am hoping to attend veterinary school, although I am not sure where I want to go yet or what field of veterinary medicine I want to go into.

Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?

Yes! My email is meaghan.shannon@uconn.edu.

