



**Elective Surgery Veterinarian**  
**Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences**  
**Western College of Veterinary Medicine**

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The Western College of Veterinary Medicine offers a permanent, full-time, clinical appointment in Elective Surgery commencing July 1, 2018 and start date is negotiable.

**Primary Purpose:** Candidates will be responsible for clinical case management and supervision of final year veterinary students during the small animal surgery elective clinical rotation. Instruction of basic surgical skills and perioperative patient care involving elective procedures (ovariohysterectomies, castrations, etc.) will be the primary emphasis of this position. The successful candidate will not be expected to participate in didactic teaching, but will participate in the laboratory instruction of veterinary students.

**Nature of Work:** Primary responsibilities will involve day to day organization, supervision and responsibility for the elective surgeries (ovariohysterectomies, castrations) when this rotation is running (32 weeks). They will also provide individual instruction to senior veterinary students in basic surgical skills and procedures. The candidate will report to the department head. During the non-academic year, opportunities will be provided for the interested individual to enhance their teaching skills and learning resources, participate in research, and become involved surgical service.

**Typical Duties/Accountabilities:**

- Strong clinical and surgical skills with a dedication to quality clinical practice to serve as a positive role model and supervisor for undergraduate veterinarians as they develop their surgical skills and case management skills through the performance of basic small animal elective surgeries (primarily ovariohysterectomies/ castrations)
- Provide a leadership role in the developing of the surgical skills of undergraduate veterinarians through their performance of elective surgical procedures and the development of creative learning opportunities
- Provide mentorship through modelling of delivery of excellent patient management and client service
- Dedication and excellence in clinical teaching and interest in enhancing teaching skills
- Dedication to continued advancement of clinical knowledge and veterinary undergraduate training program
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively within the multidisciplinary structure of the teaching hospital
- Strong communication skills, professional behavior, and an ability to develop strong relationships with staff, clinicians and provide excellent and timely service

**Qualifications**

**Education:** Candidates must have a DVM degree (or equivalent) and must be eligible for general licensure within the province of Saskatchewan. A rotating small animal internship and advanced training or previous experience in small animal surgery is preferred. Experience with clinical teaching is desirable.

**Licenses:** Candidates must be eligible for general licensure within the province of Saskatchewan.

**Experience:** A minimum of 2 years of clinical veterinary practice is required.

**Skills:** Skills include a strong foundation in small animal veterinary medicine; ability and experience to perform elective surgeries (ovariohysterectomies, castrations, and minor surgical procedures) in small animals; strong foundation in basic surgical principles and experience in small animal surgery; strong passion for clinical instruction of senior veterinary students.

**Salary Information:** The salary range is CAD \$61,618.00 - 96,279.00 per term (Specialist Professional/Phase 2). The starting salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

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*Inquiries regarding this position can be directed to Dr. Cindy Shmon at 306-966-7099.*

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