

CSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Career Services

Ophthalmology Fact Sheet



Ophthalmology involves the study and treatment of eye diseases and trauma. The field involves both medicine and surgery, and career opportunities include positions in specialty practices or in academia and research.

Certification Requirements: Following veterinary school, a one-year internship in small animal medicine and surgery is typical, followed by a two- to three-year residency in ophthalmology at a veterinary teaching hospital. Board certification is obtained through the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ACVO), <http://www.acvo.com>.

Professional Organizations

- American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)
<http://www.avma.org>
1931 North Meacham Road, Suite 100
Schaumburg, IL 60173
Phone 847-925-8070, E-mail avmainfo@avma.org
- American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ACVO) <http://www.acvo.com>
E-mail info@acvo.com
- American Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology (ASVO) <http://www.asvo.org>
1416 West Liberty Ave, Stillwater, OK 74075
- Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF)
<http://www.prodogs.com/chn/cerf/index.htm>
SCC-A, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907
Phone 317-494-8179
- American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) <http://acvim.org>
1997 Wadsworth Boulevard, Suite A
Lakewood, CO 80215-3327
Phone 303-231-9933, E-mail ACVIM@acvim.org
- American College of Veterinary Surgery (ACVS)
<http://www.acvs.org>
4401 East West Highway 205
Bethesda, MD 20814-4023
Phone 301-913-9550, E-mail acvs@aol.com

Student Organizations

- o American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)
<http://www.aahanet.org>
- o Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) <http://www.avma.org/savma/default.htm>
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Conferences

- ◆ ACVO Annual Meeting, <http://www.acvo.com>
- ◆ AVMA Annual Convention, <http://www.avma.org>
- ◆ South East Veterinary Ophthalmology Society Meeting, <http://www.acvo.com>
- ◆ European Veterinary Ophthalmology Meeting, <http://www.esvo.org/stockholmmeeting.html>

Externship Opportunities

CSU database for externships and preceptorships:
<http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/cvmb/careers.html>

Periodicals of Interest

- *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*
- *American Journal of Veterinary Research*
- *Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association*
- *DVM Newsmagazine*
- *Journal of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmology* (formerly *Progress in Veterinary Comparative Ophthalmology*)
- *Journal of ACVIM OR Journal of ACVS*
- *Compendium's Standards of Care*
- ASVO mailings

Useful Textbooks

- ❖ Gelatt, Kirk N. Veterinary Ophthalmology.
- ❖ Gelatt, Kirk N. Essentials of Veterinary Ophthalmology.
- ❖ Barnett, K. C. Colour Atlas of Veterinary Ophthalmology.
- ❖ Severin, Glenn A. Severin's Veterinary Ophthalmology Notes.
- ❖ Gelatt, Kirk N.; Gelatt, Janice P. Handbook of Small Animal Ophthalmic Surgery: Extraocular Procedures.
- ❖ Gelatt, Kirk N.; Gelatt, Janice P. Handbook of Small Animal Ophthalmic Surgery 2: Corneal and Intraocular Procedures.

Career Connections/Mentors

Contact Ruth White, Ruth.White@colostate.edu
PVM Career Coordinator, for information on locating mentors.