

Hi, my name's Viktoria Granacka and I'm a 5th year student of Veterinary Medicine at Warsaw University of Life Sciences in Poland. I recently had an opportunity to take a part in the summer externship in Pferdeklinik at University of Bern. I have spent 4 weeks at the Clinic, half of the time in Internal Medicine Department and the other half in Surgery Department. I consider that month very intensive and satisfying. I've seen many different cases, like a gelding with a very severe hind legs ataxia or a mare with a broken scapula. I had an opportunity to collect a huge amount of new knowledge during my externship. I could practice my skills in IV injections, applying dressing or placing nasogastric tube. I have been taking part in lameness examinations, surgeries and diagnostic imaging protocol. I've also enlarged my theoretical knowledge by participating in rounds, journal club meetings and classes. Everybody in the hospital was very helpful, vets and students, they explained everything comprehensively and I could always ask them for help. That was a great experience for me considering my future career. I'm very grateful that IVSA Bern helped me organise my externship and I would recommend Pferdeklinik for anybody who's interested in equine medicine.