## Raptor Rehabilitation Internship

**Applicants:** We are seeking self-motivated, independent, and hard-working undergraduate students passionate about avian wildlife and interested in raptor rehabilitation.



**Responsibilities:** Interns will be fully trained in all aspects of raptor rehabilitation and responsible for general avian husbandry, handling of raptor species, assisting rehabilitation manager in procedures, triage, radiology, physical therapy, parasitology, capture, and release of patients. Internships will last 12 weeks. Intern shifts are from 7:00am until 3:00pm or 8:30am until 5:00pm. Interns are expected to work closely with staff members and volunteers. Interns will follow weekly lesson plans and be expected to conduct specific projects as assigned.

About Blackland Prairie Raptor Center and Raptor Rehabilitation: In August 2004, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center (BPRC) was incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization with a small but determined group of individuals and a common goal – to create a place where the people of North Texas could learn, experience, and appreciate birds of prey and understand their importance in the environment as a whole. August 5, 2015 BPRC takes in its first patient, a Cooper's Hawk. That year we received 89 patients. Currently, we expect approximately 500 injured or orphaned patients annually, and re-nest many fallen babies, allowing their parents to raise them appropriately.

Raptor Rehabilitation is not for the faint-hearted. This internship is designed to assist independent interns understand the ins and outs of rehabilitation while challenging them to think outside of the box and lean on resources and others for support and guidance. Raptors come into rehab for multiple reasons, whether hit by a car, poisoned, shot, or attacked; we do our best to keep them out of pain with the intent of release. If you are looking to help represent and lead a strong team, raptor rehabilitation at BPRC is the right fit for you.

**Eligibility:** Undergraduate students majoring in the sciences with an interest in raptor rehabilitation. Students with previous rehabilitation, veterinary, or avian experience preferred. Interns will have two consecutive days off weekly, and must work weekends. Internships are unpaid.

Application Procedure: E-mail resume and cover letter to <a href="Rehab@bpraptorcenter.org">Rehab@bpraptorcenter.org</a>





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