

Jamie Pittam-Perry – HCF Summer Intern 2009

The HCF Summer Internship Program provides practical experience to third-year undergraduate students who are pursuing careers in the medical field. Each summer, two paid interns shadow in various departments at Sidney Regional Medical Center (SRMC) as well as in area-appropriate medical care fields within the region.

Jamie Perry, MLT Program Director for Mid Plains Community College in North Platte, was born and raised in Sidney. With an appreciation and interest in veterinary or healthcare, she worked at the Sidney Veterinary Hospital for about 9 years. After learning about the Summer Internship from past participants, she sought it as a great opportunity to apply and gain experience, while saving up for her next year of college. Perry participated in the program in 2009 and claims it was “such a great experience and I learned so much more than I thought I would.”

Although she had numerous, great experiences, her most memorable was one that happened at the end of her day. It was nearing 5 o'clock, meaning it was almost time to go home for the night. As she was about to leave, she was offered the opportunity to help deliver a baby. She thought she was going to stand in on the delivery, but as soon as she stepped through the door, the doctor had her help hands-on! He walked her through every step as he did it and she simply couldn't believe how amazing the process was. Getting to see a new life brought into the world is something you just don't forget.

Perry recommends this internship to all of her students at MPCC to express the importance of experiencing every department and their working togetherness to create an impactful facility. She concludes, “it makes you bring that big picture into perspective.”