

Athletic Trainers Learn Suturing at Veterinary Clinical Simulation Center



When Dr. Kasee Hildenbrand and Katy Pietz were considering opportunities for their students in the WSU Athletic Training Program to get hands-on experience in suturing and starting IVs, the WSU College of Veterinary Medicine was not their first thought. “I don’t think there’s a lot of medical professions on the human side that are thinking of the overlap that we share with our healthcare professionals in the veterinary realm,” says Hildenbrand.

While collaborating on communication-focused simulation with the WSU CVM Clinical Communication Program, however, Pietz and Hildenbrand discovered what other incredible resources WSU CVM offered, including the Clinical Simulation Center (CSC). “We’ve done suturing labs with the simulation center three different times,” Hildenbrand reports. “And we have veterinary teaching assistants that staff this open hour.” Through working with the CSC, Hildenbrand has gained a new appreciation for partnership with WSU CVM. “It’s broadened our perspective of who our potential collaborators might be, beyond thinking that we can only learn from a physician.”

“The CVM Clinical Simulation Center is well-equipped with models, both generic for medical procedures like suturing and specific to veterinary medicine,” shares Dr. Julie Cary, CSC Director. “Our peer instructors are well-trained, friendly, and helpful individuals who love to teach. We have all relished the opportunity to work with learners across the healthcare spectrum.”



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