Who can intern?
Internships at White Violet Center are intended to be highly customizable educational experiences.

We have interns of all ages and from all walks of life who have a wide variety of different goals that they want to pursue with us.

Applicants must be physically fit, capable of lifting at least 50 pounds, able to use a shovel and wheelbarrow easily and work in a variety of weather conditions.

Previous experience with gardening or animals is preferred, but not necessary to apply.

Above all, we encourage a willingness to learn and ability to self-direct.

Getting started ...
Application deadline for summer internships is April 15. Summer internships begin in May. Apply in the fall to begin in Spring. (Applications considered year round.)
All you need to know to apply for a WVC internship can be found on our website:
Internships.WhiteViolet.org
Fill out our Internship Interest Form and/or apply online today!
The mission of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice (WVC), a ministry of the Sisters of Providence since 1996, is caring, teaching, inspiring for all creation.

At WVC you’ll find 320 acres of forestland, about 300 acres of certified organic cropland, a 5-acre USDA certified organic garden, a small apiary from which we harvest raw honey, a herd of about 35 alpacas and a flock of about 20 chickens. We also house a greenhouse, two high tunnels, berry patches, an orchard, demonstration kitchen, reflection and rain gardens, a cosmic walk, a nature trail, and an in-house fiber processing program.

Living in community

Interns can jump out of bed and into the field! In addition to educational opportunities in the field and beyond, interns enjoy living in an eight-bedroom house on the grounds, farm produce, one paid meal per day in the cafeteria, $100 monthly stipend and access to a small house budget.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods is near Terre Haute (TerreHaute.com), Indiana. We share the grounds with Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College (SMWC.edu).

Internship components

Field work:

Interns participate in the day-to-day work of the farm. Experienced staff (who love their jobs!) provide instruction, and all field work is done with an educational goal — learning by doing.

Learning beyond the field:

Depending on the time of year, interns enjoy topical presentations from staff and guests, WVC workshops and retreats, field trips, conference and workshop opportunities off-site, and other opportunities as they arise. Interns also have the option to complete individual study based on internship track and personal interests.

On a given day, you might spot a WVC intern ...

❖ Knee-deep in veggies and fruits — harvesting and cleaning produce for our 100 member summer Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, 30 member fall CSA program, or the Terre Haute Downtown Farmers’ Market.

“It’s been such an incredible experience — to really feel like I’m making a tangible difference in our food culture. It’s been great to see how our food is grown and to have a part in doing it. I love that I’ve seen a full cycle of food — from seed to plant to fruit to people.” — Michael Lantow

❖ Maintaining pastures and supplying for nutritional needs of alpacas and chickens.

“My internship at the White Violet Center has strengthened my interests in animal husbandry and healthcare, as well as granted me confidence in my future career choice in veterinary medicine. Working with alpacas was a unique experience I’ll cherish forever. The knowledge, support, and encouragement from all the WVC staff made the summer an extraordinary learning opportunity.” — Madeleine Little

❖ Preserving the harvest — canning, pickling, drying and fermenting our beautiful, organically grown foods at certain times of the year.

“It’s such a dynamic way of learning, different from your typical college class. Many people don’t realize growing your own food takes real skill.” — Laura Gallagher

❖ Crafting up a storm during winter months — fiber arts abound at WVC. Rainy days sometimes find us felting, spinning, weaving and knitting.

“Fiber crafts are a great chance to let your creativity shine!” — Tara Elmore

Come live, work and learn with us! It’s life changing!