Residents of Lexington, Kentucky will be seeing a new face around town. Rebecca Daniel from Foster, Oklahoma, a student in Murray State College’s Veterinary Technology Program, has started her externship at Equine Medical Associates. The externship is an 8 week-long program that is designed to give students real-world experience before they head out into the workforce. It is also a requirement for graduation from the program.

“Clinical externship is the culmination of a student’s Veterinary Technician education,” says Debbie Reed, Registered Veterinary Technician and Co-Director of the Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program. “It is the training ground where students are challenged to integrate all aspects of their education. This phase of training offers students the excitement and responsibility of applying the knowledge and skills they have learned.”

Under the guidance of Dr. Jim Morehead and his staff, Daniel is getting hands on training in the care and handling of animals. Daniel says her externship is going well. She says she is learning about new techniques, clinical management skills, communication, and client education.

“Rebecca is doing well,” says Dr. Morehead. “She has a great attitude and is willing to do anything that is asked of her. Having graduates from MSC come to our practice allows them the opportunity to experience the real world of veterinary medicine.”

Daniel says her experience at Murray State College is something she will treasure, calling MSC Veterinary Technology her second home.

“My instructors were friends, family and parents,” Daniel says. “They are wonderful and amazing for putting up with all of us. For me, they were a godsend. They never stopped believing in me, even when I doubted myself. I always hear Debbie Reed's voice in my head on a daily basis, guiding me.”

As far as her future, Daniel will be working at Equine Medical Associates until July 11. She plans to keep working in the equine field.

For more on the Murray State College Veterinary Technology Program, visit www.mscok.edu.