

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN – REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, provides instructional support services for faculty and students of the Registered Veterinary Technology program; prepares and sets up laboratory exercises, demonstrations, instructional materials, and supplies; assists students and faculty in the use and operation of equipment and materials related to the veterinary care of animals.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from the Dean, Natural Sciences. Exercises no direct supervision of staff. Provides technical and functional direction and training to student workers.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is a journey-level classification responsible for conducting a variety of instructional support activities to ensure student learning. Incumbents perform the full range of duties as assigned, working independently, and exercising judgment and initiative. Incumbents at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of assigned area of responsibility. This classification is distinguished from other laboratory technicians by having subject matter expertise in veterinary technology.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

- Prepares and sets up laboratory exercises, demonstrations, and instructional materials; monitors laboratory environment; organizes, arranges, stocks, and distributes materials, equipment, and supplies.
- Assists in handling, restraint, and treatment procedures of demonstration animals used in the classroom and laboratories.
- Provides instructional support services for the Registered Veterinary Technology program; assists in instructional demonstrations of veterinary procedures and techniques; explains related principles, practices, procedures, methods, materials, terminology, tools, and equipment.
- Operates, demonstrates use of, and maintains various laboratory equipment, including x-ray developers, and blood machines.
- Prepares and sterilizes instruments and solutions.
- Assists in the feeding and healthcare of animals; administers medication as needed; maintains controlled drug log according to Drug Enforcement Administration regulations.
- Cleans and ensures proper storage of laboratory equipment; ensures laboratory and work areas are in clean and orderly condition.
- Maintains accurate logs, reports, and records of work performed and materials and equipment used.
- Monitors, orders, receives, stores, and maintains adequate inventory levels of supplies and equipment as directed.
- Submits work orders for maintenance and repair of equipment and facilities.
- Learns and applies emerging technologies and, as necessary, to perform duties in an efficient, organized, and timely manner.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Terminology, techniques, equipment, materials, principles, theories, practices, and procedures related to the Registered Veterinary Technology program.
- General methods and procedures for preparing course materials and laboratory exercises and demonstrations used in Registered Veterinary Technology courses.
- Basic veterinary care and handling procedures of small and large animals.
- Set-up, operation, demonstration, and maintenance of various tools and equipment used in the Registered Veterinary Technology program.
- Methods, practices, and techniques of student learning and instruction.
- Modern office practices, methods, and computer equipment and applications related to the work.
- Record keeping principles and procedures.
- English usage, spelling, vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, students, and District staff, including individuals of various ages, disabilities, various socio-economic and ethnic groups.

Skills & Abilities to:

- Explain and apply principles, practices, procedures, methods, materials, tools, terminology, and equipment related to the Registered Veterinary Technology program.
- Assist students and faculty in the use and operation of farm equipment and materials related to the Registered Veterinary Technology program.
- Create an engaging and positive learning environment in a laboratory or other learning environments.
- Demonstrate proper use and maintenance of equipment, materials, and supplies used in the Registered Veterinary Technology program.
- Interpret, apply, and explain applicable District policies, rules, and regulations related to areas of responsibility.
- Estimate and order required supplies and equipment.
- Establish and maintain filing, record keeping, and tracking systems.
- Organize own work, set priorities, and meet critical time deadlines.
- Operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software applications programs.
- Use English effectively to communicate in person, over the telephone, and in writing.
- Understand scope of authority in making independent decisions.
- Review situations accurately and determine appropriate course of action using judgment according to established policies and procedures.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience which would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Equivalent to an Associate's degree from a regionally accredited college that is also an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited program in veterinary medicine, veterinary technology, or related field from an accredited college and two (2) years of experience working as a Registered Veterinary Technician.

Licenses and Certifications:

- A valid Registered Veterinary Technician certificate.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in a laboratory/classroom environment and in the field; strength, stamina, and mobility to occasionally perform medium physical work, to operate varied veterinary equipment; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone. The job involves fieldwork requiring frequent walking in operational areas to identify problems or hazards. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or calculator and to operate above-mentioned equipment. Incumbents in this classification bend, stoop, kneel, reach, and climb to perform work. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects weighing up to 50 pounds, and occasionally heavier weights with the use of proper equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

Employees work in a laboratory/classroom and in the field and are exposed to loud noise levels, cold and hot temperatures, inclement weather conditions, dust, fumes, and allergens, and hazardous physical substances. Employees may interact with staff and/or students in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.