

WSU CLASSIFIED JOB SPECIFICATION

I. Position Information

Classification Title: **Lab Animal Tech, Sr. Assistant** FLSA Status: **Non-Exempt**

Classification Number: **71214** Level: **CS 14**

II. Job Purpose

Under general supervision provides care for laboratory animals, performs general health evaluations of research animals, maintain biosecurity and sanitization according to standard operation procedures, and maintains records.

III. Essential Functions (Essential functions are the duties and responsibilities of the job that involve the fundamental nature of the job, occupy a large proportion of the employee's time or required specialized expertise. Other duties not listed as essential functions may be assigned).

- Maintains sanitation programs for animal cages, racks, watering devices and disposes of waste in accordance with established guidelines.
- Operates cage washer, tunnel washer, autoclave, and other equipment.
- Performs routine cleaning and sanitization of animal rooms, equipment, corridors, and support areas according to written standard operating procedures.
- Handles and restrains animals by using appropriate techniques.
- Observes animal appearance and behavior, and reports subtle changes.
- Receives and stores food and bedding in accordance with established guidelines.
- Provides assistance during special procedures that facilitate research and/or clinical activities.
- Transports experimental animals, caging, supplies, and equipment to various sites.
- Maintains records of sanitization equipment verification tests, facility cleaning and sanitization activities, and animal husbandry duties as applicable.
- Provides care for laboratory animals which may include technical procedures required for rodent breeding colony management, recognition of potential disease conditions, and welfare checks according to State, Federal, and University regulations.

- Helps to train entry level Lab Animal Technician Assistants and students.

IV. Minimum Qualifications Required:

High school diploma (or GED) and 1.5 years full-time related work experience OR, two years of post-secondary education and six months full-time related work experience. Excellent verbal/communication skills. Must be able to review, comprehend, and comply with all standard operating procedures. Considerable knowledge of applicable rules and regulations involving the husbandry of laboratory animals.

V. Working Conditions

There are conditions, equipment and materials, present which require proper handling to ensure safety. Requires moderate physical effort to include frequent lifting of up to 40 pounds. Frequent walking, bending, and standing. May be required to work on weekends and holidays.

VI. Testing/Examinations Required:

None

VII. Certifications or Licensures Required:

Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician certification from the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. Must possess a valid United States driver's license for at least one year and maintain eligibility to operate University motor vehicles.

VIII. Series: 71200

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