

WSU CLASSIFIED JOB SPECIFICATION

I. Position Information

Classification Title: **Lab Animal Technician, Assistant** FLSA Status: **Non-Exempt**

Classification Number: **71211**

Level: **CS 13**

II. Job Purpose

Under general supervision maintains biosecurity of facility according to standard operating procedures, including operation of sanitization equipment. Under immediate supervision provides care for laboratory animals, performs general health evaluations of research animals, 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 by acting under the direction of others to 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.

IV. Minimum Qualifications Required:

High school diploma (or GED) and one year of full-time basic animal related work experience, working in an animal or a research setting. Must be able to review, comprehend, and comply with all standard operating procedures. Excellent verbal/communication skills. Must be able to lift up to 40 pounds and move heavy equipment. Must be able to stand, kneel, bend, reach, or crouch while working. May be required to work on weekends and holidays.

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. WSU Testing/Examinations Required:

None.

VII. Certifications or Licensures Required:

Must possess a valid United States driver's license for at least one year and maintain eligibility to operate University motor vehicles. Assistant Laboratory Animal Technician certification from the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science within eighteen (18) months of employment required.

VIII. Series: 71200

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