**Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital**

**Student Employment Position Description**

**Employee Details:**

Name:

Position Title: Student Assistant

Service Area: Small Animal Hospitalization

Supervisor: Kimberly Koehler

**General Summary:**

Veterinary Student Assistant – Small Animal-ICU/Fluid Ward under direction of a senior technician or clinician, is responsible for providing support to the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital; providing clinical assistance to the clinicians, residents, and interns; assisting veterinary students in proper clinical technique supporting patient care; and maintaining a sanitary and functionally well-organized services within the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

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What we want

We are looking for a Veterinary Student Assistant, to join the dynamic SA-ICU/Fluid Ward department of our Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital! We need an individual who subscribes to and supports our commitment as stated above and will promote teamwork and respect for people of diverse backgrounds in the workplace and in all interactions with internal and external clientele. We need an individual who subscribes to and supports our commitment as stated above. The ideal candidate is responsible for providing exceptional support to the technical staff and patients admitted to the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital under the supervision of a professional staff member or a Veterinary Technician I or higher. Oversees and maintains the physical area within the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. If you enjoy being a part of a great team, providing assistance to the care of the animals, we invite you to apply to be considered for this opportunity.

**Required Education and Experience:**

Must be currently enrolled at Texas A&M University.

**Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Basic computer skills in word processing, spread sheets, and billing entry.

Requires working alternating shifts, evenings and providing Holiday coverage.

Ability to lift 50 lbs.

No inhibiting allergies to animals or dust.

Strong animal handling and effective Fear-Free restraint techniques.

Must have a strong knowledge base in veterinary technology and technical skills.

Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others.

Ability to communicate effectively and positively at all levels within the SA-ICU/FW services and the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.

Must be able to work efficiently with time constraints and in crisis situations.

Must be able to work both independently and as part of a team.

**Preferred Licenses and Certifications:**

Certification as a Veterinary Assistant.

**Preferred Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Working knowledge of veterinary equipment used within a veterinary teaching hospital such as fluid pumps, syringe pumps, capnographs, pulse oximeters, oscillometric and Doppler blood pressure machines, ultrasound machines, blood gas analyzers, centrifuge, oxygen cages, nebulizers, etc.

Strong relationship- building, interpersonal, and communication skills.

Strong problem-solving abilities

Hourly: Commensurate

**Responsibilities:**

Maintains a sanitary and well-organized patient environment. Follows isolation and infection prevention control policies and procedures.

Maintains inventory and replenishes stock with the ICU and Fluid Ward services.

Performs laboratory tests on blood -- NOVA, spot glucose and lactate and PCV/TS. Assists clinicians and students with laboratory sample collection. Performs service and maintenance on Point of Care equipment.

Performs CPCR- effective chest compressions. Provides oxygen therapy. Assists with CPCR techniques, emergency procedures and principles. Maintains crash cart, suction set-up and other equipment and supplies needed for CPCR.

Maintains equipment within the service area to include: computers and printers, NOVA, Doppler, oscillometric blood pressure machines, Multi-Parameter units, Telemetry Units, ultrasound machine, capnograph, pulse oximeter, and Point of Care Equipment. Ensures that all hospital fees are correctly entered.

Keeps in compliance with University and ICU’s policies and procedures.

Requires availability to work Holiday and summer shifts.

Performs other duties as assigned.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Demonstrate the ability to plan, organize and prioritize work.

Apply problem solving skills to effectively manage difficult situations.

Communicate effectively in a professional setting.

Participate effectively in teams to support a shared purpose or goal.

Adapt to critical situations.

Accept and learn from criticism.

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*Date* *Signature of Immediate Supervisor* *Title*

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