**Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital**

**Student Employment Position Description**

**Employee Details:**

Name:

Position Title: Student Technician

Service Area: Small Animal ICU/Fluid Ward

Supervisor: Susan Lobit

**General Summary:**

Veterinary Student Technician – Small Animal-ICU/Fluid Ward under direction of a senior technician or clinician, is responsible for providing patient care and support to animals admitted 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 Technician, 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 patient care and support to animals admitted to the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital under the supervision of a professional staff member or a Veterinary Technician I or higher. Provides assistances to the professional staff and veterinary students in clinical techniques, and oversees and maintains the physical area within the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. If you enjoy being a part of a great team, providing exceptional care and performing treatments of 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.

**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:**

Monitors patients housed in ICU, Fluid Ward, quiet room, and isolation suites to detect any change in their clinical status. Obtains and accurately records patients’ vital signs. Administers and monitors fluid therapy and CRIs, under the direct supervision of a senior technician. Calculates, verifies, and administers patient medications, under the direct supervision of a senior technician. Provides physical restraint for safe handling of patients and all Team members. Performs or assists with collection of patient’s blood, urine, and tissues and ensures proper submission procedures. Performs, assists, and instructs the performance of diagnostic procedures and examinations. Performs treatment as directed by an attending clinician. Strong patient advocate.

Communicates well with clinicians to ensure optimal patient care.

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

Records data regarding patient’s physical and medical status. Records all medications administered. Records all treatments performed. Records fluid types and volumes administered. Records information regarding urine output, mentation, appetite and other parameters as needed. Records changes in the medical orders, as directed by the clinician. Ensures all Hospital fees are correctly entered into the Veterinary Medical Information System.

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.

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

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

Requires availability to work Holiday and summer shifts.

Participates in clinical and basic research programs as needed within the terms of employment. 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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Date Signature of Employee