

Class Concept

This class performs a variety of technical and specialized work in veterinary processes and procedures. Work is typically performed in a veterinarian clinic, veterinarian hospital, research laboratory, zoological park, wildlife rehab clinic and/or veterinary teaching hospital. Performs work activities independently related to the health management of animals such as diagnostic procedures, medical treatments, preparing operating rooms for surgery, and assisting during surgeries including anesthetizing animals. May supervise veterinary students, interns, researchers, and/or others in the performance of veterinary techniques and procedures. Work is performed under the general supervision of a veterinarian.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Basic knowledge of patient monitoring equipment
- Basic knowledge of Federal and State regulations and National Institutes of Health guidelines
- Intermediate knowledge of animal anatomy, physiology, diseases, treatments, and restraint techniques
- Intermediate knowledge of signs of common diseases of animals
- Intermediate knowledge of medications and surgical instruments
- Intermediate knowledge of aseptic techniques
- Ability to manage emergency situations efficiently and effectively by determining priorities in a highly active and stressful environment
- Ability to help move, lift, and restrain large animals
- Ability to administer medication and injections to animals and conduct specialized treatments under veterinary supervision

Minimum Education and Experience

Completion of post-high school coursework in the care and treatment of animals that conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association **OR** holds a degree in veterinary medicine from a college of veterinary medicine recognized by the Board for licensure of veterinarians.

Necessary Special Requirement

Registered with the Board as a veterinary technician.