

LABORATORY HELPER

NATURE OF WORK

Work in this class involves the performance of routine non-technical duties in the care of laboratories, laboratory equipment, and in the preparation of samples for testing and analysis. After a brief training period work is performed in accordance with well defined laboratory procedures, and the repetitive nature of the assignments makes specific instructions unnecessary for routine tasks. Any deviations from the normal pattern of work are explained by a superior. Work is reviewed for completeness and adherence to instructions.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

Cleans, wraps, labels and sterilizes glassware and fragile laboratory equipment; cleans tables and sinks, and removes remnants of samples and other refuse from the laboratory. Cares for guinea pigs, mice, chickens, and other animals used in a diagnostic laboratory. Under supervision, operates distilling equipment in order-to recover different types of solvents. Receives, opens, and distributes samples of materials for testing. Manually maintains prescribed temperature of various types of water baths. Prepares and labels samples for testing. May pack and ship vaccine, blood sample tubes, and other material to field personnel. Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Ability to develop skill in the care and cleaning of laboratory equipment.
Ability to follow simple oral and written instructions.
Ability to learn a daily routine in a reasonable length of time.
Physical strength sufficient to lift heavy objects for short periods of time.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Completion of grammar school.

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