

JOB TITLE: Critical Care Technician	GRADE: FLSA: Non-Exempt
LOCATION: Osceola, Wisconsin	
DEPARTMENT: Surgical	
REPORTS TO: Operations Supervisor	
ORIGINAL DATE: 05/02/2006	LAST REVISED: 05/15/2014

BASIC SUMMARY:

The Critical Care Technician will be responsible for administering nursing care, medications and perform health observations on a variety of laboratory animals. These duties will be performed in compliance with applicable Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), Good Laboratory Practices (GLP, Association for Assessment and Accreditation of laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards and regulations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Administers necessary preventative health, pre-operative and post-operative procedure treatments, Critical Care examinations and diagnostic testing according to the study protocol, SOP or vet order.
- Provides nursing care to animals.
- Makes skilled health observations on a variety of animal species.
- Performs diagnostic testing (e.g. blood collection, EKG, auscultation, etc.), anesthesia induction and maintenance and administers a variety of medications as required.
- Maintains a safe and healthy work environment that complies with all safety policies and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.
- Performs all other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Education:** Two-year degree in animal husbandry/biological sciences or equivalent experience.
- **Experience:** One to three years' experience in an animal laboratory environment desirable.
- An equivalent combination of education and experience may be accepted as a satisfactory substitute for the specific education and experience listed above.
- **Certification/Licensure:** Certification as a Veterinary Technician and/or AALAS certification desired.
- **Other:** Skilled in making health observations on a variety of animals and thorough documentation. Working knowledge of medical and scientific terminology. Skilled in nursing care required for post-op patients. Knowledgeable in normal health parameters and diagnostic interpretation (EKGs, pulse oximetry, etc.). Skilled in administering oral and injected medications. Skilled in anesthetic induction and support preferable.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Ability to lift 50 pounds with or without assistance from floor to cart (approximately 8" above floor).
- Routine required bending, stooping, twisting, sitting, standing, and walking.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly wears protective clothing (goggles, face shield, surgical mask, cap, gloves and scrubs). The employee regularly works with live animals with risk of exposure to allergens, zoonotic disease(s) and biohazards.
- The noise level in the work environment may require ear protection.