

HIGHER EDUCATION PERSONNEL BOARD

Specification for Class

Class Code: 4891

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Abolished Effective June 1, 2005

CLASS SERIES CONCEPT

Provide veterinary technical support, such as assist in surgery, administer anesthetics and injections, draw blood, perform routine radiology, collect and analyze specimens and monitor vital signs to veterinarians, researchers and clinicians involved in animal health care, research and/or instruction.

This series is distinguished from the Animal Technician series by the requirement to perform both laboratory analysis and radiology procedures.

This series is distinguished from the Veterinary Technologist class by the latter's responsibility for performing professional-level diagnostic and surgical duties.

BASIC FUNCTION

Perform veterinary technical work such as assisting in surgery, administering anesthetics and injections, drawing blood, performing routine radiology and laboratory analysis of specimens.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Under general supervision, perform skilled veterinary technical duties.

TYPICAL WORK

Organize and maintain surgical suite in accordance with veterinarian's instructions, including sterilization, storage and adjustment of surgical equipment, oxygen, suction devices, cardiac monitor and anesthetic equipment;

Perform routine radiology procedures and process films; clean, adjust and replace parts of X-Ray equipment;

Assist in animal surgery;

Prepare animals for surgery, radiography, application of splints and casts and electrocardiography;

Monitor vital signs after surgery or serious injury; record pulse, temperature, respiration, condition of mucous membranes, and recognize abnormalities;

Collect and analyze sample of blood, urine and feces;

Administer drugs by mouth and injection as directed;

Maintain daily records of surgeries performed and patients' records;

Order, inventory and maintain supply of drugs and expendable items;

Assist in explaining specific techniques to students and/or research personnel;

Perform related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

An Associate Degree from an accredited school of animal technology OR registration as an Animal Technician by the State of Washington

OR

equivalent education/experience.

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