

Specification for Class of

LABORATORY HELPER

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Definition: Performs routine manual work in laboratory or operates electrocardiograph.

Typical Work

Erases markings from used bacterial culture tubes and petri dishes; scrapes out culture media; boils out contents;

Washes flasks, tubes, dishes, and beakers, using either laboratory washing machine or manual methods;

Covers and sterilizes glassware;

Soaks seeds in potassium nitrate solution to break dormancy, plants them in incubated soil to evaluate germination potential; counts seeds, using vacuum counting apparatus;

Attaches electrodes to patient and operates electrocardiograph; photocopies and files electrocardiograms;

Crushes and breaks down rock samples and separates microscopic fossils from them; Performs other work as required. Knowledge and Abilities Knowledge of: personal hygiene.

Ability to: understand and follow instructions, write legibly, handle delicate equipment without excessive breakage.

Minimum Qualifications

None. Graduation from high school, including or supplemented by two semesters of laboratory science courses is desirable.

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