

## AgriLife Classification Description

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LABORATORY ATTENDANT I  
11/01/01

### *SUMMARY*

**General Description:** Performs a variety of routine and repetitive laboratory custodial tasks under close supervision.

### *DUTIES*

**Typical:** Prepares standardized chemical and feed solutions and mixes; keeps laboratories supplied with basic materials; assists in receiving, unpacking, cleaning, and checking laboratory apparatus, equipment, and glassware; cleans and sterilizes such laboratory equipment as slides, test tubes, culture dishes, flasks, and other delicate apparatus; cleans and dusts laboratory furniture and surfaces; maintains laboratory and standard items and supplies; assists in the more routine laboratory experiments and operations under close supervision; fertilizes, sprays, and pots plants; mixes soils and prepares flower beds in experimental greenhouses after receiving detailed instructions; assembles, launders and distributes all soft goods used in the operation of laboratories, clinics, and surgeries; sterilizes surgical instruments, equipment, soft goods, fluids, syringes, etc. with steam and ethylene oxide (gas) sterilizer; performs related duties as required.

### *SUPERVISION*

**Received:** Detailed initial instruction and frequent review from Laboratory Attendant Supervisor or other supervisor.

**Given:** None.

### *EDUCATION*

**Required:** Ability to read and comprehend written and oral instructions.

**Preferred:** High school graduation.

### *EXPERIENCE*

**Required:** One year in custodial work.

**Preferred:** None.