

AgriLife Classification Description

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LABORATORY ANIMAL TECHNICIAN I
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SUMMARY

General Description: Feeds and waters experimental animals and maintains dietary records.

DUTIES

Typical: Prepares special diets for experimental animals; restrains animals; identifies and keeps records on animals; recognizes subtle differences in animal behavior and appearance; administers parasite control measures; carries out animal breeding programs; prepares animals for surgery; transports animals; inventories, orders, and receives animal feed and supplies; cleans and repairs animal facilities, including cages and tanks; performs chemical analyses of aquarium environment; performs related duties as required.

SUPERVISION

Received: General instruction and frequent review from Laboratory Animal Technician II or other supervisor.

Given: Occasional general supervision to student assistants.

EDUCATION

Required: High school graduation or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

Preferred: College courses in biological or biomedical sciences or completion of approved laboratory animal program.

EXPERIENCE

Required: Two years in animal care or certificate from approved laboratory animal program.

Preferred: Animal care in an actual research environment.