

Clark Atlanta University

Job Description

Position Title:	Animal Care Technician III
Employee:	
Department:	CCRTD
Reports To:	Facility Manager (Mr. Tony Griffin) / Dr. Daqing Wu

The following statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work to be performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of personnel so classified.

General Function (Description):

As Senior Technician, assist in training Animal Care Technicians in performing animal husbandry duties to various species and maintains accurate records to ensure the health of the animals.

Examples of Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provides supervision of all Animal Care Technicians as assigned.
- Assists Animal Care Technicians I & II in preparing for AALAS certification by providing knowledge, teaching, and training when required.
- Provides training for animal care staff in the area of restraining techniques, administering injections, and breeding.
- Providing colony management and reports any signs of distress and/or diseases.
- Assigns and reviews the work of other technicians by conducting daily checks of animal rooms as directed by Facility Manager.
- Provides treatment of sick and injured animals as assigned.
- Providing pre and post-operative care for surgery animals as assigned.
- Monitors and maintains upkeep and the maintenance of equipment.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of Federal, State, and local regulations pertaining to laboratory animals.
- Knowledge of anatomical and physiological difference of various laboratory animals.
- Knowledge of personnel safety and biohazard containment; knowledge of the principles of disease control and prevention; maintaining clean animals, quarantine wards, and controlled air room.
- High level of knowledge of the principals of disease control and prevention.
- High level of proficiency in knowledge of the principles of asepsis.
- Knowledge of computer hardware and software, including word processing and spreadsheet applications.
- High level of proficiency in administering various types of medication, anesthesia, and euthanasia.
- High level of proficiency in withdrawing fluids, collecting fecal samples, rectal or nasal swabs, and garages laboratory animals.
- Ability to train and instruct other Animal Technicians.
- Knowledge of basic nutrient requirements of the various species of laboratory animals.
- High level of proficiency in handling, restraining and sex all common laboratory animals.
- High level of proficiency in recognizing obvious signs of illness, discomfort, and irregularities, such as abnormal food and water consumption, abnormal stool, unusual behavior, death, malocclusion, ear mites, nails, abscesses and wounds, in all species of laboratory animals.
- Ability to perform duties related to the care and sanitation of laboratory animals, facility, and

equipment according to instructions and established guidelines.

- Ability to work with individuals at all levels.
- Ability to lift 50lbs.

Minimum Hiring Standards:

Education	<p>Bachelor’s Degree in Animal Science or related field; minimum of two (2) years of experience in veterinary or animal lab settings. ALAT Certification by American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. Must have LATG Certification by American Association for Laboratory Animal Science within a year of start date. Must have a valid Georgia’s Driver’s License.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Associates Degree in Animal Science or related field; minimum of three (3) years of veterinary or lab setting. LAT Certification by American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. Must have LATG Certification by American Association for Laboratory Animal Science within a year of start date. Must have a valid Georgia’s Driver’s License.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>High School Diploma or equivalent required; minimum of four (4) years of veterinary or lab setting. LAT Certification by American Association for Laboratory Animal Science. Must have LATG Certification by American Association for Laboratory Animal Science within a year of start date. Must have a valid Georgia’s Driver’s License.</p>
Years of Experience Required	Described in “Education”
Years of Management/Supervisor Experience	At least one (1) year