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JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Laboratory Technician I

JOB SUMMARY

Performs routine work in the operation and maintenance of an experimental or analytical laboratory in the areas of physical or life science. Responsible for the performance of technical laboratory duties under direction of a supervising staff or faculty member. Evaluation is based on accuracy and the completion of tasks assigned. The performance evaluation is conducted through the performance evaluation system and in accordance with the University Policies & Procedures.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Reports to: Principal Investigator or Department Head

Supervises: May supervise Student Assistants or Laboratory Assistants

PRIMARY DUTIES - *May include, but not limited to the following:*

Performs standard laboratory experiments.
Prepares laboratory specimens.
Assembles and operates laboratory and field equipment.
Collects and records data and performs mathematical tasks.
Prepares reagents and culture media.
Performs library research.
Performs related duties as required.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Performs other duties as requested.

EDUCATION

High school diploma or equivalent required. College level courses in biology, chemistry, or physics with laboratory experience preferred.

EXPERIENCE

A minimum of one year of experience in a related field required.

REQUIREMENT

Regular and reliable attendance at the University during regular scheduled days and work hours is an essential function of this position.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES - The following are essential:

Knowledge of or experience with various laboratory equipment and materials.

Knowledge of standard laboratory procedures.

Ability to coordinate work with other employees, providing direct instruction or supervision as assigned.

Ability to organize work effectively, conceptualize and prioritize objectives and exercise independent judgment based on an understanding of organizational policies and activities.

Ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with students, faculty, staff, and the public.

Ability to communicate effectively orally, by phone, in person, and in writing.

Ability to represent the department and University in a friendly, courteous, and professional manner.

Ability to use a personal computer and other office equipment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb stairs; talk or hear. The employee must have the ability to occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by the job include ability to distinguish the nature of objects by using the eye. May be exposed to infectious waste, diseases, conditions, etc., including exposure to the AIDS and hepatitis B viruses.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Employees are responsible for performing their duties in an environment that is free from discrimination, intimidation, coercion or harassment, including sexual harassment. Work is performed primarily indoors in an office and/or laboratory setting. The noise level in the work environment is low to moderate. The employee may be required to travel. The employee handles hazardous chemicals in the laboratory. The employee will be required to wear all appropriate safety equipment including but not limited to eye protection, gloves, and lab coat. This particular task involves chemical hygiene biological safety; hazardous wastes; and blood pathogens.

SAFETY

Assists in the creation of a culture of safety and environmental protection by performing work safely in accordance with departmental safety procedures. Operates equipment safely and reports any unsafe work conditions or practice to supervisor.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Employee Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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