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JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE

Laboratory Technician IV

JOB SUMMARY

Performs advanced or specialized 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 highly skilled and complex 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, Laboratory Assistants, or Laboratory Technician I, II, and III.

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

Performs highly skilled and non-standardized laboratory procedures.
Assists in planning work schedules and distributing workloads.
Assists in training of laboratory personnel.
May supervise a laboratory or special project.
Prepares laboratory specimens.
Assembles and operates specialized 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.
Establishes and maintains a safe environment for employees under charge.
Responsible for establishing job standards for subordinate staff and effectively evaluating staff under charge in accordance to University policy.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Performs other duties as requested.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, physics or related field required.

EXPERIENCE

A minimum of three years of experience in a related field required. Some supervisory experience preferred. Experience in excess of the required may substitute for the required education on a year-for-year basis.

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:

In-depth knowledge of or experience with various laboratory equipment and materials.

Knowledge of standard and specialized laboratory procedures.

Ability to establish and maintain working relationships.

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

Ability to integrate resources, policies, and information for the determination of procedures, solutions, and other outcomes.

Knowledge of management methods and ability to provide administrative guidance and provide direct training and supervision as needed.

Ability to apply budgeting and fiscal planning techniques within financial constraints.

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 respond to emergency situations in a timely manner.

Ability to operate a personal computer, calculator, copier, tape recorder, video equipment, facsimile machine, and a single or multi-line telephone.

Ability to work indoors.

Ability to distinguish the nature of objects by using the eye.

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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