 **Veterinary Anesthesia Technician III Standard Job Description**

**Classification Title:** Veterinary Anesthesia Technician III

**FLSA Exemption Status:** Non-exempt

**Pay Grade:** 10

**Minimum Pay:** $22.57

**Job Description Summary:**

The Veterinary Anesthesia Technician III, under general supervision, provides clinical support to veterinarians in the delivery and instruction of primary patient care and anesthesia services. May serve as senior technician or the intermediate supervisor to veterinary technical staff within anesthesia service group or shift.

**Essential Duties and Tasks:**

**35% Clinical Support and Instruction**

* Assists faculty, residents, interns, and students with patient care.
* Facilitates the instruction of professional curriculum veterinary medical students with an emphasis on clinical anesthesia techniques.
* Instructs and assists veterinary students in designing anesthetic protocols.
* Assists students in inducing and maintaining anesthesia in a variety of animal species.
* Performs and assists students in simple catheterization techniques and the administration of pre-medicants, induction agents, inhalant anesthetics, and appropriate analgesics.

**25% Anesthesia Administration and Monitoring**

* Assists students and staff in preparing patients for surgical procedures, including proper clipping and aseptic surgical site preparation.
* Monitors or assists students in proper anesthesia recovery techniques.
* Assists with critical and intensive nursing care or life-sustaining emergency care as needed.
* Provides physical restraint for safe handling of multiple species of patient animals.
* Ensures that all charges generated from Anesthesia Services are captured and correctly entered into the hospital information system.

**15% Equipment Maintenance and Inventory Management**

* Ensures that the proper equipment is available to facilitate patient safety.
* Maintains and operates point-of-care laboratory equipment and patient monitoring equipment.
* Arranges for anesthesia service equipment maintenance when necessary.
* Maintains accountability and creates logs for inventory control of capital equipment within the service area.
* Assesses and problem-solves anesthetic machines and equipment as issues arise.

**5% Training and Mentorship**

* Assists in training and acts as a mentor to newly hired Veterinary Anesthesia Technicians.
* Works closely with the anesthesia supervisor in all aspects of training new employees and updating experienced employees with newer methods, policies, and procedures.
* Facilitates cross-training of existing employees in all anesthesia services of the hospital.
* Assists the anesthesia supervisor with case evaluations and performance feedback for the staff.
* Participates in continuing education seminars and provides instruction on CPR and defibrillation.

**20% Duty Title (for the department's use)**

* Remaining Percentage Can Be Determined by Department to Meet Business Needs or Can Be Incorporated into Percentages Above.

**Required Education and Experience:**

* Associate degree in veterinary technology or related field, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
* Six years of related experience.

**Required Licenses and Certifications:**

* None

**Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

* Basic computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets, and billing entry.
* Working knowledge of veterinary equipment used within a veterinary teaching hospital.
* Strong animal handling skills.
* Ability to communicate effectively and positively at all levels within the anesthesia service and the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital.
* Ability to multitask and cooperate with others.
* Knowledge of high flow/low flow anesthesia.
* Familiar with injectable and inhalant anesthesia.

**Machines and Equipment:**

* Anesthesia equipment: 10 hrs.
* Laboratory equipment: 5 hrs.
* Patient monitoring & ventilator: 15 hrs.
* Computer: 5 hrs.

**Physical Requirements:**

* No inhibiting allergies to animals, dust, or hay.
* Ability to lift and move heavy objects.

**Other Requirements and Factors:**

* Persons in this position are considered essential when the University declares an emergency, campus closure, class cancellations, etc., and are therefore required to report to work and remain on duty unless/until relieved by the direct supervisor.
* Requires working different shifts and participating in On Call coverage.
* Participates in emergency duty coverage during veterinary student absences and for holidays.
* May be required to work alternate shifts, overtime, holidays, weekends, and/or on-call duty.

**Is this role ORP Eligible? If so, it needs to meet the criteria on the** [**Rules and Regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**](https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/reports/data/user-friendly-version-of-ch-25/)**.**

[ ]  **Yes**

[x]  **No**

**Does this classification have the ability to work from an alternative work location?**

[ ]  **Yes**

[x]  **No**