

Veterinary Technician III - Inpatient Medicine Tufts University

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Job Title	Veterinary Technician III - Inpatient Medicine
Department	Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Institution	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts
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Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Professional Staff
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Job Description	

Overview

Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University provides 24-hour care for pets 365 days of the year. Since 1985, we have offered high quality medical care, consultation, referral, and emergency veterinary services for the care of dogs, cats, and exotic pets. The hospital also serves as the primary clinical training environment for veterinary students, interns, and residents.

What You'll Do

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The Inpatient Medicine Veterinary Technician III performs advanced and more specialized technical procedures with limited supervision from the attending veterinarian or supervising technician.

Under minimal supervision the Inpatient Medicine Veterinary Technician III makes decisions and provides advanced veterinary patient nursing care, respecting the directions of the attending veterinarian. This role requires coaching and mentoring of junior staff along with the training of new technicians, teaching and supervising veterinary and technician students performing more advanced technical skills and nursing care.

The Inpatient Medicine Veterinary Technician is considered an essential employee within the hospital and the schedule may include providing University and calendar holiday coverage on a rotating basis.

Patient Care - Provide high quality patient care including the following:

- Monitor, manage and implement treatment plans as ordered by clinicians to insure prompt delivery of high-quality care to inpatient, acute care, exotic and isolation cases.
- Collaborate with administrative and clinical care team members throughout the hospital to coordinate and prioritize patient care in a high-volume environment.
- Assist clinicians with procedures.
- Identify and communicate changes in patient condition to members of the patient care team.
- Complete diagnostic testing as ordered by clinicians including bench-top lab tests.

Teaching – Teaching responsibilities include:

- Instruct veterinary students and student technicians in all technical aspects of patient care.
- Assist in training, orienting, and mentoring new Veterinary Technicians and Animal Care Attendants in all aspects of the department.
- Coach and mentor junior staff members as directed by supervisory staff.
- Participate in provision of formal CE training.

Research

- Assist in studies and projects as needed including treating research/laboratory animals

Maintenance - Clinical maintenance includes:

- Maintain adequate inventory of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals.
- Handle control substances according to written SOPs as required.
- Clean and maintain clinical areas including treatment and patient housing areas
- Facilitate the maintenance of clinical equipment by identifying malfunctioning equipment and scheduling service.

Miscellaneous - Other duties as assigned by supervisor and assistant supervisor including:

- Provide coverage for other sections of the hospital as needed.
- Participate in service and hospital wide initiatives as required.
- Complete at least 6 hours of RACE approved CE annually.
- Effectively communicate with clients to provide education, explain treatment plans, and review discharge instructions including medication administration

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The schedule for this position is anticipated to be Sunday - Wednesday 1pm-10:15pm

What We're Looking For

Basic Requirements:

- Mastery of advanced technical and procedural skills associated with treating critically ill patients
- Certified Veterinary Technician in good standing, with education or equivalent experience as outlined for Veterinary Technician II.
- A minimum of 3 years of experience as a certified veterinary technician in a University Hospital or in a similar environment functioning at a level consistent with a Vet Tech II.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently when conducting complex tasks, with minimal supervision.
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to work effectively as a member of a diverse team of clinical and administrative professionals.
- Excellent understanding of medical terminology and veterinary pharmacology, including knowledge of and ability to identify adverse drug reactions.
- Demonstrated ability to provide exceptional service to both internal and external customers, and to work collegially as part of a team.
- Demonstrated ability to instruct students, as determined by student feedback.
- Experience with Microsoft Office and electronic medical record systems
- Be able to independently initiate steps to perform CPR in absence of an attending veterinarian
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs with or without accommodation

Minimum required technical skills:

- Safely restrain cats and dogs
- Assess the attitude and responsiveness of dogs and cats
- Obtain vital signs, including temperature, pulse, respiration, and capillary refill time.
- Be able to identify animals in pain or distress
- IV catheterization
- Phlebotomy (cephalic, saphenous, jugular)
- Dosage calculations for medications, fluid therapy, and continuous rate infusions.
- Set up of fluid therapy systems and fluid therapy monitoring
- Monitoring and identifying physiological parameters in patients under sedation and general anesthesia.
- Familiarity with sedatives and tranquilizers.
- Ability to use point of care machines.
- Describe steps required and be able to assist in CPR.
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. with or without accommodation

Preferred qualifications:

- Bachelor's or associate degree in Veterinary Technology preferred.
- Veterinary Technician Specialty Certification preferred.
- Credentialed as a Certified Veterinary Technician

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- Fear Free level 1 certification preferred
- RECOVER basic and advanced life support certification preferred
- Exotic animal handling skills. Exotic animals include birds, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, rodents, special small mammals (such as chinchillas or hedgehogs), reptiles, and amphibians.

Pay Range

Minimum \$26.70, Midpoint \$31.80, Maximum \$36.80

Salary is based on related experience, expertise, and internal equity; generally, new hires can expect pay between the minimum and midpoint of the range.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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