

Veterinary Technician II- Anesthesia Tufts University

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Department	Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
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Overview

Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts 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. We are currently hiring a Veterinary Technician to be an intrinsic member of our anesthesia department providing excellence in care to our small animal hospital. The Anesthesia department has over 30 years of experience managing routine to critical cases for surgery, advanced imaging and state of the art procedures. With the opportunity to work with Anesthesiologists and VTS level technicians we welcome applicants of all skill levels and will provide training and mentorship to help you achieve your personal goals.

This position qualifies for a \$2,000 sign on bonus following successful completion of 6 months of employment for newly hired employees.

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What You'll Do

As a technician on the anesthesia team, you will perform anesthesia of all kinds, manage a busy and diverse caseload as well as support and teach veterinary students. The technician accurately assesses and reports changes in patient parameters and works with students and clinicians on appropriate intervention. Monitor, manage, and implement treatment plans as ordered by clinicians. Provide high-level technical support for all clinical facets of caring for the animals entrusted to our care. The Veterinary Technician II performs complex and diverse clinical duties in veterinary patient nursing care and performs more complex technical procedures. A liberal continuing education allowance and tuition reimbursement are provided to all technicians employed in Foster Hospital for Small Animals to promote personal and professional growth. Compensation will vary based on education, experience, and credentials. The Anesthesia 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. A substantial holiday premium pay is applied to any University designated holiday. The University observes a minimum of thirteen holidays throughout the calendar year. Once trained, this position will participate in a rotating on-call emergency schedule.

As a Veterinary Tech II, Anesthesia you will be responsible for:

Clinical

- Monitor, manage, and implement treatment plans as ordered by clinicians to ensure prompt delivery of high-quality patient care.
- Collaborate with administrative and clinical care team members throughout the hospital to coordinate and prioritize patient care.
- Assessment and anesthetic management of patients from induction, throughout the procedure, through to recovery.
- Anesthetic patient monitoring, identifying concerns with patients, and intervening as needed.
- Routinely perform technical duties such as IV catheter placement, intubation, medical calculations, pain assessments, and drug administration.
- Provide care to patients and support to co-workers and students that are consistent with hospital standards of minimizing fear, anxiety, stress, and pain in our patients.
- Complete diagnostic testing as ordered by clinicians including bench-top lab tests.

Teaching

- Contributes to the teaching and instruction of veterinary and technician students performing basic technical skills and veterinary nursing care.
- Clinical instruction of basic and more advanced anesthesia protocols and procedures for veterinary students, interns, residents, and student technicians throughout anesthesia rotation.
- Assist in training, orienting, and mentoring new veterinary technicians in all aspects of the service.
 - Engage students to ensure they are receiving a successful and fulfilling education in the department.

Departmental and Additional Responsibilities

- Cleaning and stocking of supplies and equipment in all areas of the small animal hospital for which anesthesia is responsible.
- Maintain an adequate inventory of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals.
- Facilitate the maintenance of clinical equipment by identifying malfunctioning equipment and scheduling service.

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- Provide coverage for other shifts and sections of the hospital as needed.
- Participate in service and hospital-wide initiatives as required.

Research

- Assist faculty with ongoing research projects.

What We're Looking For

Basic Requirements:

- Mastery of basic technical skills associated with anesthesia, including mandatory skills below.
- High School diploma or equivalent and 3 years of experience as a veterinary technician in a fast-paced hospital
OR
- Associate OR bachelor's degree from an AVMA-accredited institution providing training in veterinary technology, veterinary nursing, or veterinary science, and one year experience at a University hospital or large-scale hospital.
OR
- Certified Veterinary Technician in good standing.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently when completing basic tasks and procedural skills, and the ability to conduct more advanced tasks under supervision.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to work effectively as a member of a diverse team of clinical and administrative professionals.
- Highly motivated, enthusiastic self-starter with a professional attitude.
- Comprehensive understanding of medical terminology and veterinary pharmacology.
- Demonstrated ability to provide excellent service to both internal and external customers.
- Experience with Microsoft Office and ability to learn electronic medical record systems and other software systems used.

Minimum required technical skills:

- Safely restrain cats, dogs, and exotic patients
- 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 the steps required and be able to assist in CPR.
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs. with or without accommodation

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Preferred Qualifications:

- Demonstrated leadership skills and resourcefulness.
- Certified Veterinary Technician designation or the ability to become certified preferred
- Experience with electronic medical records.
- Prior experience with an emphasis in anesthesia
- Excellent understanding of medical terminology and familiarity with veterinary pharmacology
- Excellent interpersonal skills in relating to co-workers, clinicians, students, staff, and clients.
- Interest in learning advanced anesthesia practices/protocols/patient assessment
- Fear Free Certification
- RECOVER Certification
- Exotic Animal Handling Experience
- Experience working with large animals and/or an interest working with large animals

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

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