



ANIMAL **EMERGENCY** CARE

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## Coordinator of Technical Education

*Treatment Department*

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Employee Name:

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Hire Date:

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*Effective Date: June 3, 2024*

## JOB DESCRIPTION COORDINATOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

### POSITION OVERVIEW

The coordinator of technical education plays a pivotal role in the educational operations of our emergency veterinary hospital, overseeing the experiential learning journey for students enrolled in veterinary technician and veterinary assistant programs. This position demands a steadfast commitment to maintaining a nurturing, safe, and cohesive learning environment while upholding the highest standards of legal and ethical practice within the veterinary field. The guidance of the coordinator plays a vital role in shaping students' perceptions of our hospital, influencing their potential interest in joining our team post-graduation.

The coordinator of technical education is a licensed veterinary technician (LVT) who balances student mentorship with significant floor responsibilities (>50%). As an integrated member of the Animal Emergency Care treatment team, they maintain the collaborative working relationships and comprehensive knowledge of hospital operations that are foundational to ensuring the success of students within our hospital. All AEC job descriptions are living documents which will be continually edited and updated to best reflect the requirements and duties of the position they detail.

### QUALIFICATIONS

#### AGE REQUIREMENT

Minimum age requirement is 18 years old.

#### EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Associate or bachelor's degree in veterinary technology
- Veterinary technician license in Washington state

#### EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

- Two years' employment within veterinary medicine
- Technician experience within emergency or specialty medicine
- Mastery of AEC Technical Skill Level 7

#### PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Genuinely enjoys working with animals and is capable of caring for them even when they are stressed, ill, or in pain.
- Must be available to work nights, weekends, and holidays to be considered for the coordinator of triage operations position.
- **Physical Effort:** Work requires moderate physical effort, including moving animals and equipment (assistance available as needed), walking or standing for extended periods of time, and frequently working in a bent or squatting position.
- **Working Conditions:** May be exposed to unpleasant odors, noises (including barking dogs), and animal feces. May be exposed to bites, scratches, and contagious diseases. May be exposed to chemicals and medications necessitating the use of personal protective equipment. May be exposed to inclement weather while assisting patients and clients outside of the hospital.

### PREFERRED SKILLS

- Two years employment in a leadership role

### WAGE AND BENEFITS

Please reference open job advertisements for the current salary range.

Benefits are outlined in the employee manual and are separate from the hourly wage.

The coordinator of technical education is offered the opportunity to complete an AVMA accredited veterinary technician bachelor's degree program. Employees may transition into other roles in the hospital upon completion of a regimented training program and satisfaction of position requirements.

## ORGANIZATION EXPECTATIONS

AEC employees commit to uphold and embrace the AEC core values of **Empathy and Compassion, Efficiency, Integrity and Personal Accountability, Change and Innovation, Openness and Trust, Valuing People and Their Ideas, and Excellence.** Organization expectations for all team members are explored in greater detail in AEC's Key Performance Indicators documentation, available upon request.

- Puts the welfare of the patient first, providing patient and compassionate care.
- Engages with clients and team members with empathy and compassion, prioritizing treating all individuals in the hospital with respect.
- Manages time effectively.
- Able to stay calm and objective even in stressful situations.
- Communicates kindly and professionally both with the team and with clients.
- Maintains an attitude of flexibility and adaptability
- Open to new information, ideas, and perspectives.
- Provides feedback to teammates constructively and kindly.
- Can follow and commit to a regular schedule.
- Takes an active role in their continued professional development and skill growth and participates in the training and mentoring of their teammates when proficient in a particular skill.

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

### Operational

- Works with other coordinators to ensure training needs of all departments interface, resulting in improved efficiency and communication between departments.
- Collaborates with administrative team to discuss and recommend resources required for improving operations and the student experience.
- Participates in the hiring process of departmental team members.
- Creates, implements, and oversees educational plans for students in a veterinary technical program.
- Synthesizes input from treatment team members, working knowledge of hospital operations, and the requirements of partnered veterinary technical programs to create learning opportunities for students that are tailored to set them up for success as prospective candidates for future employment in an emergency veterinary setting.
- Participates in fair and consistent coaching as needed, including mediation between coworkers, to provide insight as to how the organization can better meet the needs of a team member.
- Understands the documentation process within the coaching model.
- Encourages self-advocacy and collaboration amongst the team when trying to find a solution to a problem.
- Collaborates with all departmental coordinators in the creation, adjustment, and updating of procedures and protocols to meet the hospital standards of patient and client care.
- Develops and maintains protocols that assure cleanliness, continuity, and a caring environment within our facility.
- Maintains a facility that that follows safety guidelines for OSHA, Labor and Industries (L&I), Department of Health, Fire Department and Security.
- Approaches facility maintenance as guided by VECCS and AAHA standards.
- Schedules and organizes partnerships between Animal Emergency Care and relevant veterinary technology programs.
- Creates and maintains student experience programs between Animal Emergency Care and applicable veterinary technology programs.
- Works with operational team to ensure the needs of the students balance with the needs of the various departments, leading to successful outcomes for both the student and the hospital.
- Assists with mentorship of AEC team members in various departments when available.

### Educational

- Verifies safety, OSHA, biomedical, and radiation training and operations meet the expectations of AVMA and CVTEA.
- Solicits and incorporates guidance from the veterinary technology programs' director and instructors.
- Coordinates the community partnership program alongside mentors in participating hospitals.
- Assists with training new mentors provided by participating hospitals.
- Establishes a consistent experience for the community partnership program regardless of the site of the student (safety, engagement, corrective action).
- Participates in the academic advisory board/committee if invited by the president of the college.

#### Patient Care Duties

- Receives animals to be admitted, maintaining responsibility for their proper identification and for recording their respective locations.
- Releases animals to their owners as directed by the veterinarian; ensures that every patient is clean prior to their release.
- Prepares and distributes food as prescribed and maintains record of patient appetite and dietary behavior.
- Maintains cleanliness of litter boxes and food/water bowls.
- Maintains working knowledge of and operates within protocols informed by applicable medical conditions when walking animals.
- Collects urine and fecal specimens as directed.
- Reports any observation of unusual condition or abnormal behavior in patients to the team.
- Assists the medical team with the administration of medications or with patient restraint as requested.
- Employs knowledge of safe and appropriate restraint techniques when handling animals, especially when patients are large or fractious.

#### Janitorial Duties

- Completes daily, weekly, and monthly task lists to maintain the cleanliness and overall appearance of the hospital and hospital equipment.
- Cleans and sanitizes all cages, runs, wards, and related areas. Prepares kennels to provide a safe, clean, and comfortable environment for each patient.
- Maintains laundry for the hospital with respect to the procedures concerning surgical, contagious, and non-contagious patients.
- Maintains the janitorial needs of the property. Janitorial duties include sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, emptying trashes and recycling, disinfecting flat surfaces (countertops and workspaces), general tidying, and other duties as outlined in the aforementioned task lists.
- Maintains functional knowledge of the safe and appropriate application of chemicals and cleaning supplies used in the hospital.
- Cleans, prepares, and sterilizes all instruments used by the medical departments.
- Assists with maintenance of veterinary equipment as directed by coordinators.

#### Maintenance

- Operates and maintains the autoclave.
- Maintains and troubleshoots office equipment including computers, telephones, copiers, and fax machines.
- Properly cares for all surgical materials; keeps the operating room properly stocked and prepared for surgery.
- Appropriately calibrates and cares for IV and syringe pumps.

#### Client Support

- Greets clients with poise and natural ease.
- Creates a connection with clients during interactions through active listening and compassionate communication.
- Triage client concerns over the phone and in-person and effectively advises the client on the urgency of their concern.
- Helps clients access information to assist in making educated decisions regarding pet care.
- Confidently explains necessary follow-up and homecare instructions.

#### Finance

- Prepares client invoices for services performed.
- Accurately processes financial transactions on all platforms.
- Maintains a thorough understanding of hospital payment policies that allows for confidence in constructively explaining estimates and treatment plans

- Coordinates with the administrative team regarding the budgeting needs of the department.

#### Technical

- Receives and relays telephone, fax, and email messages accurately and promptly.
- Answers telephones using a multi-line system, communicating quickly, efficiently, and in a professional and friendly manner.
- Accurately enters and updates client and patient information into practice computer software.
- Has computer literacy and prioritizes accuracy in inputting details.
- Admits patients and handle medical records entries accurately and according to hospital procedure.
- Prepares immunization certificates and euthanasia certificates.
- Facilitates client/patient transfers.
- Records patient assessment observations legibly in files or computer.
- Maintains appropriate inventory of all medical supplies as determined by the inventory control system (Cubex).
- Documents lab test results and ensures that all test results are appropriately recorded in patient records.
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#### Medical

- Understands basic medical terminology and abbreviations.
- Feels confident answering client inquiries about basic animal care and routine hospital procedures.
- Answers client medical questions with confidence and directs to veterinarians when appropriate.
- Performs physical assessments.
- Understands all common vaccinations and vaccination protocols.
- Gives subcutaneous (SQ), intramuscular (IM) and intravenous (IV) injections.
- Administers subcutaneous and intravenous fluids.
- Understands usage, dosage, and common side-effects for commonly used prescription drugs and readily explains this information to clients.
- Assists the veterinarian in medical and surgical procedures; prepares patients for surgery; monitors patients during surgery and recovery.
- Performs emergency procedures including control of bleeding, resuscitation with oxygen, opening airways, and external cardiac massage.
- Performs clinical laboratory procedures such as fecal flotation exams and urinalysis; draws blood for laboratory analysis.
- Effectively positions patients for and takes radiographs.
- Performs electrocardiograms.
- Properly places and cares for IV catheters.
- Understands evidence of the progression of disease and the decompensation of patients.
- Prepares patients for, assists veterinarians with, and/or performs ultrasonic imaging.
- Administers anesthesia.
- Uses ultrasonic imaging to obtain body fluids samples (centesis); predominately cystocentesis.

Position responsibilities for the coordinator of technical education are informed by technical skill levels 1-13. The complete scope of an individual coordinator's job responsibilities is reflected in the technical skill level set at which they are currently considered proficient. This scope is cumulative and is inclusive of all skills defined in prior skill levels. Please refer to the Technical Skill Levels document for all medical support departments as necessary.