

Level II Laboratory Animal Technician

BASIC SUMMARY:

Perform animal husbandry tasks to include daily clinical observations of animals to ensure animal health, changing cages and ensuring adequate provision of food, water and enrichment devices for animals, and maintaining accurate records of completion of required husbandry tasks

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Perform all tasks and duties described for Level I
- Review, comprehend and comply with all standard operating procedures pertaining to specific operational areas and duties
- Maintain animal housing areas including facility and animal holding room personnel entry requirements to include use of personal protective equipment and disinfection of equipment and supplies moving into the areas
- Perform animal husbandry duties to include:
 - Receipt and uncrating of animals received from animal vendors
 - Daily clinical observations of animals to ensure animal health
 - Documentation of and communication for any abnormal clinical signs observed in animals
 - Daily checks of water bottles or automatic water devices to ensure animals' access to water
 - Daily checks to ensure appropriate quantities of food are available to animals
 - Perform cage changing procedures
 - Perform procedures as required (e.g. exposure to dirty bedding) to maintain cages of sentinel animals in rodent housing areas
 - May maintain animal breeding colonies to include breeding and weaning of litters
- Maintain accurate records of animal breeding, animal health observations and environmental parameters in animal housing areas as required by facility
- Assist with animal restraint, handling and transporting various animal species as assigned
- Communicate with principal investigators and their research staff and take responsibility for special projects
- May require training and work in areas where hazardous biologic or chemical agents are used
- Perform other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Education:** High school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED) required
- **Experience:** At least 6-12 months of laboratory animal science or related experience
- **Certification/Licensure:** AALAS ALAT certification preferred or within 12 months of hire

Annual Salary Range*			
Level II	Minimum	Mean	Maximum
Non-AALAS Certified	\$26,270	\$33,210	\$39,104
AALAS Certified	\$29,513	\$34,716	\$40,987

*Salary and benefits information obtained from "Laboratory Animal Facility Compensation Survey 2008," New England region, copyright 2008. Benefits typically include medical, vision, dental, disability and life insurance; savings or retirement plan; and continuing education.

EMPLOYMENT: Colleges, universities, medical & dental schools, veterinary schools, research hospitals, research institutes, biotechnology firms, pharmaceutical firms, medical device firms, contract research organizations, government agencies