



**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**

		<b>ISSUED: 6/1/2023</b>
<b>TITLE: Lab Animal Maintenance Technician</b>	<b>SALARY TABLE: AS</b>	<b>CLASS CODE: AS506</b>
<b>UNION: AFSCME</b>	<b>SALARY GRADE: DL01</b>	<b>EEO CODE: 50</b>
<b>JOB GROUPING:</b>	<b>FLSA: Non-Exempt</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE CLASS: AS</b>

**POSITION PURPOSE**

Perform a variety of routine tasks incident to the maintenance of laboratory animal caging, cage washing equipment, and auxiliary areas within an animal care facility or facilities at the University.

<b>Essential Job Functions</b>	<b>% Time</b>
Clean and disinfect animal cages, pens and heavy (30-60 lbs.) floor grates via water hosing method or automatic machine casewashing device. Mix chemical cleansing solutions and agents (e.g. bleach, acid cleaner, and detergents) to disinfect and sanitize bottles, pails, pans, cages, pens and entire work area. Sanitize floors using brooms, mops, wet-n-dry vacuum and/or floor scrubber. Remove and dispose of soiled bedding.	50
Receive animal feed, bedding, and supplies. Transport heavy (30-60 lbs.) animal feed and bedding bags using moving equipment to various locations. Operate transport vehicles (e.g. van or truck) having either automatic or standard transmission as well as mechanical or manual equipment to move materials to appropriate locations. Assist division transportation technician to transport a variety of laboratory animal species, equipment, supplies and materials which support research activity within an animal care facility or facilities at the university.	20
Maintain logs and records to report equipment (i.e. cagewash) malfunction and/or breakdown and follow-up. May provide, with supervision, assistance to Laboratory Animal Technician job functions (i.e. changing pan liners, placing water bottles on cages, restraining animals.)	15
Attend departmental staff meetings. Participate in continuing education and employee training programs. Maintenance of lab animal equipment and facilities requires rotation through several oncampus and off-campus research facilities.	10
Perform related work as assigned.	5

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## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Education**

High School graduate or an equivalent combination of education and/or experience

### **Experience**

Some experience in an accredited animal care facility preferred

Some experience and knowledge in the use and maintenance of various cagewashers, cabinet washers and bottle washers is preferred

Some knowledge in the proper safety and use of cleaning chemicals.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

Possession and maintenance of a valid Michigan Driver's license and satisfactory driving record as determined by University policy.

Ability to transport a variety of light to heavy laboratory animal caging and equipment in weight from 70g - 100lbs. -

Ability to communicate effectively with others.

Must obtain security clearance.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

Maintain safe working conditions at all times by using equipment and supplies following appropriate safety procedures; protect against controllable fairly predictable hazards by wearing safety masks, goggles, gloves, boots and other protective clothing. Complete assignments represented by frequent handling and transporting of animal species, and other equipment and supplies

Some working outdoors while loading and unloading goods

On your feet most of the day

Some exposure to animal noise and odor.

Occasional wet floor conditions

Automated machine noise exposure

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## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Laboratory Animal Technicians (I & II) are considered to be “Essential Personnel” and are required to report during a university emergency closure period.