

# UTCVM VETERINARY MEDICAL CENTER

## Veterinary Anesthesia Nurse/Technician Position

**Position:** Veterinary Anesthesia Nurse/Technician- Small Animal Focus

**Location:** The University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, Small Animal Clinical Science, Knoxville, TN

**Qualifications:** The applicants must be graduates of an AVMA accredited veterinary technology training program and must be able to obtain a license in Tennessee within one year of employment. Previous experience in handling animals, and interest in anesthesiology and pain management are desirable; however, applications from new graduates will also be considered and encouraged. The successful applicant must have good interpersonal skills, a strong interest in teaching, and be willing to work as part of a team.

**Duties:** This college currently has 2 open anesthesia technician positions. These technicians will join an anesthesia section comprised of 5 anesthesia faculty, 3 anesthesia residents and 8 anesthesia technicians (four VTS certified in anesthesia). Duties include performing anesthetic and analgesic care for the animals, preparing animals, rooms, and equipment for anesthetic induction, maintenance, and recovery, and assist and take charge in pre-medication, induction, maintenance, and recovery of client-owned, teaching and research animals. Clinical instruction of veterinary and technician students is a crucial and rewarding part of the daily tasks of the anesthesia technicians and a strong interest in student instruction is required. Additional assigned responsibilities will include maintenance of anesthesia equipment and records, ordering and stocking of anesthesia supplies and equipment, fee entry, and inventory control. The candidate must be capable of standing for extended periods and some physical activity such as light to moderate lifting and manipulation of equipment and/or animals will be required. The candidates will be expected to participate in emergency and afterhours clinical activities as part of a rotation of duties.

**Resources:** The college of veterinary medicine provides an excellent teaching and service venue for the career advancement of its technical staff. The University of Tennessee Veterinary Medical Center (VMC) is a modern facility equipped with all the resources and expertise needed to provide first class patient care, research, and teaching. Anesthesia section is comprised of three services, small and large animal services and veterinary imaging services. Small animal hospital includes an intensive care unit, a minimally invasive procedure unit, anesthesia preparation and induction areas, cardiology suite and 6 operating rooms. The large animal hospital includes several induction, recovery, and intensive care units for large animals. The new imaging center has the capability of performing CT scanning and MRI of small and large animals under general anesthesia.

Knoxville is a beautiful place to live. It is a short drive away from the Great Smoky Mountains, as well as several dog-friendly state parks and recreation areas. Outdoor recreational opportunities include hiking, biking, trail running, climbing, and water sports. Knoxville has a vibrant downtown with excellent restaurants; bustling farmer's markets featuring locally grown organic produce, meats, and crafts; live music, ballet, and theater; frequent art and cultural festivals.

**Contacts:** Applicants should submit their letter of intent and contact information of three pertinent references and current curriculum vitae to: Jessica Birdwell, Veterinary Nursing Director, UTCVM ([jkonz@utk.edu](mailto:jkonz@utk.edu)).

Additional inquiries could be sent to Taly Reyes ([tsoto1@utk.edu](mailto:tsoto1@utk.edu)), small animal anesthesia technician supervisor, or anesthesia section head, Dr. Reza Seddighi ([mseddigh@utk.edu](mailto:mseddigh@utk.edu)).

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