



Veterinary Anesthesia Technician Position

Positions: Veterinary Anesthesia Technician- Large & Small Animal Focus

Location: Departments of Large and Small Animal Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, The University of Tennessee, 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 both small and large 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 3 open anesthesia technician positions (2 small animal focused and one large animal focused). These technicians will join an anesthesia section comprised of 5 anesthesia faculty, three anesthesia residents, seven anesthesia technicians (four VTS certified in anesthesia), and one veterinary assistant. Successful candidates will spend the majority of their time ($\geq 50\%$) in the respective small or large animal anesthesia services. To provide the opportunity for further growth and peer interaction, the technicians will rotate to the other side of the hospital for the rest of their time (large and small animal services, respectively). Therefore, the successful candidate will work with a variety of animals including dogs, cats, horses, and farm animals. Duties in both sides of the hospital include, but are not limited to, 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 prolonged periods and some physical activity such as 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 and provides an appropriate environment for the career advancement of its technical staff and faculty. 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 provides training to the veterinary students and provides anesthetic care for patients in the small animal and large animal hospitals. This section is comprised of three services, small and large animal services and veterinary imaging services. Small animal hospital includes a comprehensive ICU, a minimally invasive procedures unit and faculty members with expertise in endoscopy, laparoscopy, and stenting; a state-of-the-art physical therapy facility including hyperbaric oxygen therapy. A full-time Veterinary Social Work program offers counseling services for clients, faculty, staff, and students. The large animal hospital is a state-of-the-art building that was constructed in the spring of 2013. This facility includes several induction, recovery, and intensive care units for large animals, and is equipped with modern anesthesia and monitoring equipment. The new imaging center has the capability of performing CT scanning and MRI of small and large animals under general anesthesia.

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Contacts: Applicants should submit their letter of intent and contact information of three pertinent references and current curriculum vitae to:

Large Animal Position- Catheryn Hance, Senior business manager, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences (chance1@utk.edu)

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