

Classification and Qualification



STANDARDS

The California State University System

Laboratory Assistant II

Class Code 7879

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DEFINITION:

Under immediate supervision, performs varied nontechnical laboratory procedures in processing or preparing laboratory specimens, materials and supplies, and in the operation of specialized mechanical laboratory equipment.

Examples of Typical Activities:

The incumbents of positions in this class operate mechanical equipment such as mechanical washers and autoclaves to decontaminate, clean and sterilize laboratory materials and equipment; sharpen laboratory instruments and tools, clean laboratory materials using specialized procedures; assemble laboratory apparatus such as microbial filters; prepare and label simple reagents and dispense media and reagents based on exacting standards; assist personnel working in the laboratories by performing such duties as assembling and dismantling apparatus as directed, labeling test tubes and other containers, keeping records, cleaning reagent bottles, and operating centrifuges; assist chemists or microbiologists in mobile field laboratories.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledges and Abilities:

Thorough knowledge of names, uses and care of laboratory equipment; thorough knowledge of laboratory methods and procedures; working knowledge of techniques for handling infectious materials; ability to apply simple laboratory techniques; ability to follow detailed oral and written directions and learn exacting techniques; ability to set up and keep accurate records; ability to work efficiently and effectively in a group; ability to read and write at a level appropriate to the duties of the position; ability to make arithmetic calculations where appropriate; ability to distinguish colors most frequently found in laboratory work.

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Experience:

One year of experience in laboratory and work.

Completion of one year of college work including at least four semester hours in college laboratory courses, such as chemistry, physics, biology or bacteriology may be substituted for the required experience.

Prospective applicants who have not had the experience listed may be considered based on other evidence of meeting the above minimum qualifications.

Work Week Group: 1
Premium O/T: Yes
Shift Differential: No
Employee Category: Non-Academi