



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

VETERINARIAN

Job Number: 20000747

Job Code: 30180V240716

Job Group: 3000 - AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 07/16/2024

Grade: 17 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$30.082-\$45.123 - Hourly

\$4,888.34-\$7,332.50 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$5,214.22-\$7,821.32 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

Special Entrance Rate:

NONE

NONE

NONE

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

This job has an initial and promotional probationary period of 6 months, except as provided in KRS 18A.111.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JOB: *Characteristics of a job are general statements indicating the level of responsibility and discretion of positions in that job classification. These are not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Performs duties in agricultural inspection or wildlife programs to prevent, control and eradicate communicable disease; and performs other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Graduate of an accredited college or university of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. To view accredited colleges and universities refer to: <https://www.avma.org>

EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS:

NONE

Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:

NONE

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NONE

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (AGE, LICENSURE, REGULATION, ETC.):

Must be a licensed veterinarian by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners OR if licensed out of state, must become licensed by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners within 6 months of employment. For additional information, refer to: <https://www.avma.org> Employing agency is responsible for ensuring applicant is licensed by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners before beginning employment in this classification. Agency must submit copy of valid Kentucky veterinarian license to Personnel Cabinet with appointment paperwork. Must maintain any required licensure(s), certification(s), or other credentials

for the length of employment in this job classification. Employing agency is responsible for ensuring employee possesses and maintains required licensure(s), certification(s) or other credentials.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB CLASSIFICATION: *Examples of duties or responsibilities are not to be construed as describing what the duties or responsibilities of any position shall be and are not to be construed as limiting the appointing authority's ability to assign, or otherwise alter the duties and responsibilities of a position. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Plans and conducts epidemiological investigations as to the existence and extent of animal diseases transmissible and pathogenic to man. Works with local veterinarians and farmers to find sources of infection and methods to control infection in livestock. Advises department inspectors in methods of disease detection and control. Updates all officials concerning agricultural disease programs. Inspects animals for clinical symptoms of disease. Conducts required "herd work" necessary at each Correctional institution consisting of inspection of animals, routine shots, vaccinations, and other duties related to animal health. Ensures that proper testing procedures are followed. Prepares records and reports. May assist with the drafting of regulations dealing with animal or wildlife care. Coordinates statewide wildlife disease surveillance and works with federal agencies on national wildlife disease surveillance efforts. Conduct necropsies on wildlife that die of unknown causes. Perform veterinary care of wildlife housed at the Salato Education Center. Conducts disease investigations to determine distribution, frequency, and identify contributing factors. Gathers population data, demography, environmental conditions, and describe transmission dynamics to make intervention recommendations. Provides protocols for regional and program staff that might be responding to a disease event. Develops and implements wildlife disease surveillance and monitoring programs. Maintains a wildlife health database with historical records. Uses disease data for disease modeling and forecasting. Oversees day to day operations of the laboratory ensuring compliance with appropriate safety practices. Maintains laboratory equipment, archived samples for disease surveillance, quality control and quality assurance. Coordinates laboratory activities, provides technical support, and oversees staff. Provides training for staff on equipment, necropsy procedures, biosecurity, and biosafety principles. Organizes and manages samples, ships, and coordinates with Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories on sample submissions. Ensures compliance with all regulations pertaining to shipping, holding, and disposal of infectious material.

UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Ability to maneuver to perform examinations on livestock or wildlife.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS: *Incumbents in the job will typically perform their job duties under these conditions.*

Travel to such places as stockyards and farms. When working with wildlife may travel to remote, rough, and mountainous terrain where wildlife, such as elk, deer and bear live. Contact with livestock animals in stockyards, barns, and barnyards. May be exposed to risks or injuries from livestock or wildlife.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Upon employment, employees in this job classification may be required to maintain a valid driver's license and may be required to drive a licensed vehicle. This status may be necessary for the length of time in this job classification. If this is necessary, it will be listed in the specific position description for the position at issue. Applicants and employees in this job classification may be required to submit to a drug- screening test and background check. Applicants and employees in positions which perform job duties that may require contact with offenders in the custody or supervision of the Department of Corrections or with youth in the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice must meet qualifications pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, 28 C.F.R.115.17 and 115.317.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, disability, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy or related medical condition, marital or familial status, ancestry, political affiliation, genetic information, or veteran status in accordance with state and federal laws.