



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

## STATE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN

Job Number: 20001033

Job Code: 45050V231016

Job Group: 4500 - MEDICAL INVESTIGATION

Job Established: 06/01/1995

Job Revised: 10/16/2023

Grade: 18 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$33,091-\$49,637 - Hourly

\$5,377.30-\$8,066.02 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$5,735.78-\$8,603.76 - 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.*

Responsible for the overall management of veterinary public health issues for the Commonwealth. Provides consultation to health professionals regarding zoonotic diseases and other human/animal issues that have public implications; and performs other duties as required.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

#### **EDUCATION:**

Graduate of a college or university with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and a master's degree in Public Health (MPH).

#### **EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, OR SKILLS:**

Must have four years of academic or practice experience in veterinary medicine.

#### **Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:**

A Master's of Science degree with courses in epidemiology and/or biostatistics will substitute for the Master's degree in Public Health. OR Equivalent, specialized training in epidemiology and/or biostatistics from the Centers for Disease Control will substitute for the Master's degree in Public Health.

#### **Substitute EXPERIENCE for EDUCATION:**

NONE

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

Must be licensed as a veterinarian by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners. For Additional information refer to: <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/chapter.aspx?id=38842>. Must maintain any required licensure(s), certifications or other

credentials for the length of employment in this job classification. The employment agency is responsible for ensuring the 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.*

Manages the overall Rabies Program for the state of Kentucky along with zoonotic disease epidemiology and consultant functions. Advises veterinarians and clinicians on rabies testing, vaccinations, and quarantine for animals. Provides guidance for suspected infected humans with testing and connecting with the Center for Disease Control to ensure the samples are collected appropriately and sent to the correct laboratory. Follows up on all positive rabies cases ensuring that all exposed individuals and animals are appropriately treated. Creates reports, presentations, and educational materials. Provides expertise to veterinarians and local health departments, providing rabies data, up-to-date information, and zoonotic disease consultation. Maintains and monitors epidemiological data and information on rabies and specific zoonotic diseases. Reviews the indications for and approves the use of human rabies postexposure prophylaxis treatment and vaccination. Serves as a liaison between the division and the State Veterinarian in the Department of Agriculture. Assists the State Epidemiologist in major epidemic investigations. Represents the division at meetings and on committees. Conducts training classes on the application of epidemiologic methods and disease investigation and control procedures for local health department staff and other health professionals. Lectures to various lay and professional groups and presents scientific findings at meetings and in publications.

**UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Any unique physical requirements necessary to perform the duties of a specific position will be listed on the individual position description, if applicable.

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

Work is typically performed in an office setting. Some travel may be required.

**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.*