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Laboratory Assistant, Bacteriology
Animal Health Laboratory, Laboratory Services Division

Hiring #: 2017-0460

Please read the Application Instructions before applying

The Laboratory Assistant supports the diagnostic efforts of the Bacteriology Section, Animal Health Laboratory. The successful candidate will be responsible for: sample set-up for bacterial and fungal cultures using a variety of diagnostic samples originating from different animal species and their environments; making various media/reagents for diagnostic and surveillance testing (i.e. Salmonella spp., Paenibacillus larvae); and ensuring quality assurance (QA) requirements are met. Additional duties include: receiving, processing and the proper disposal of samples; ensuring proper storage/incubation of inoculated media and specimens; maintaining records according to quality control measures; performing quality control on media, reagents and kits used in the laboratory; tracking and logging lot numbers of reagents and media; maintaining an inventory of required laboratory supplies; washing, cleaning and autoclaving contaminated laboratory glassware, etc.; maintaining laboratory cleanliness and safety; and adhering to occupational health and safety and WHMIS legislation.

Requirements of the position include: One year Community College graduation in a laboratory assistant/technician program, combined with some related experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Two year Community College preferred. Additional requirements include: working experience in sample set-up; knowledge of QA requirements within an accredited laboratory; experience in the cleaning and sterilization of laboratory equipment and glassware; proven media preparation experience; excellent attention to detail demonstrated through experience in logging samples/specimens and maintaining laboratory records; ability to work efficiently within tight deadlines, with minimal supervision; demonstrated organizational, interpersonal and oral/written communication skills; awareness of occupational health & safety and WHMIS in a laboratory environment; proven ability to work effectively in a team environment; positive, friendly manner to work in an environment dedicated to client service and confidentiality. Applicants must be rabies vaccinated.

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm

Position Number 482-111
Classification USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 3*
Normal Hiring Range $20.50 - $22.89 per hour

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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*Tentative evaluation; subject to committee review

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