Registered Veterinary Technician (Large Animal Ward)

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Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre

Part-Time

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- Cover Letter
- Resume

Reporting to the Supervisor, Patient Care and Service Delivery and under the direction of a clinician, the RVT participates as a member of the healthcare team of the Ontario Veterinary College Health Sciences Centre.

This position will be primarily assigned to the **Large Animal Ward** but may be required to support other units in times of operational need. The OVC HSC has a varied patient base, thus RVTs may be assisting activities relating to both companion and large animals.

Key responsibility include:

- Strong communication skills, ability to work independently, and problem solving skills required
- Ability to work in fast paced and high stress environment
- This position requires heavy lifting, push/pull and working with high-stress animals
- Working with students, interns, residents, faculty and other staff in the hospital
- Working primarily with **large animals** including horses (mares with foals, stallions, yearlings etc.) cows, goats, pigs, sheep, llamas, alpacas, and other species.
- Competency with IV catheter placement, blood collection, and handling of narcotics
- Setting up, cleaning, and maintaining endoscopy equipment
- Completing hourly treatments, medications and interacting with our patients including special feeding instructions
- Walking animals, handling patients on IV fluids and CRI's and working with critical cases
- Patient restraint for procedures on large animals, loading and unloading of trailers
- Caring for our herd of dry cows and horses for teaching as well as research animals as required
- Ensure animal welfare by providing animal care and husbandry including, cleaning, grooming, feeding and exercising patients following safety protocols
- Monitor changes in animal behavior/health and report concerns to the clinical team (DVM)
- Provide administrative support i.e. billing and organizing medical records and assist with the admission and discharge of client animals
- Stock areas with appropriate supplies and maintain equipment logs
- Maintain confidentiality and adhere to safety regulations at all times
- Maintain cleanliness throughout the hospital as well as our isolation facilities

Interested candidates must meet the following requirements:

- 2 year College Diploma
- Successful completion of an accredited Veterinary Technician program recognized by the Ontario
Association of Veterinary Technicians (OAVT)
- Full member in good standing with the Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians (OAVT)
- Successful completion of the Veterinary Technician Examination (VTNE) and the OAVT mandatory ethics exam. OAVT registration is required
- New graduates welcome to apply, experience an asset
- The incumbent must have experience with and be competent in the handling and restraint of large animals and in performing a wide range of treatment procedures and techniques
- Demonstrated proficiency in customer service: excellent communication and organizational skills particularly with respect to dealing with clients; ability to mentor students and contribute to a collaborative team environment and effective organizational skills.
- Familiarity with common computer software including Hospital Management Information System software is preferred
- Flexibility in scheduling availability is required. The incumbent will be required to work a variety of shifts including on call, evenings, weekends and holidays.

The successful applicant will be required to provide proof of rabies titre.

Hourly Rate $28.00 - $31.29 per hour

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