



# ACADEMY OF VETERINARY DENTAL TECHNICIANS

**Clinic/Facility:**

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**Position Available:**

Veterinary Nurse Specialist

**Hours:**

40 hrs

**Description of Position (include experience requested, wages, hours, duties, etc.):**

PennVet Dentistry and Oral Surgery Department is looking for a great team player with a high interest in Dentistry and Oral Surgery to join our team. Below is a full description of the nursing duties for our new team member. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

**Client Communication/Education Review** the preoperative and postoperative considerations with clients Triage cases and prioritize those that are time sensitive

**Nursing Duties:** This includes preoperative test requests and sample collection, fluid administration, catheter placement, postoperative care, anesthetize patients when needed (cross train in anesthesia)

**Clinical dental and oral surgical procedures:** Technicians/hygienists perform the initial portion of the anesthetized patient's treatment, including oral examination, dental charting, taking and processing intraoral radiographs, administering oral nerve blocks, scaling, root planing, gingival curettage, polishing of teeth and making dental models.

**Surgical/dental assisting :** The dental assistant is supportive of the ongoing clinical procedures in the surgical operatory, such as setting up the surgical room for the specific procedures of the day and then break-down/cleaning of the instruments and equipment. During the patient's anesthetized procedure, the assistant provides instruments and supplies for specific types of dental procedures (e.g., root canal therapy, impressions for orthodontics, etc.) and various oral surgeries (e.g., mandibulectomies/maxillectomies, palate repairs, etc.)

**Clinical research assisting:** DOS research projects may be clinically driven or retrospective, and thus our patients are our research subjects. This inherent overlap necessitates that our technicians/hygienists perform clinical details of research projects, such as collecting samples from anesthetized patients, obtaining measurements of periodontal attachment loss, gingival inflammation, plaque/calculus accumulation, processing of blood, urine, cultures, etc. Retrospective studies utilize the research assistant to support the project with administrative duties. We always make an attempt to include salary recovery for technicians/hygienists though this is not always possible in the case of foundation grants that do not allow inclusion of salary recovery.

**Equipment Maintenance:** Routine and emergency repair of dental equipment, instrument sharpening, monitoring inventory of all dental and oral surgical equipment, materials and supplies necessary to keep the service functioning

**Administrative duties :** Copying and filing dental records and student handouts

**Teaching:** Technicians/hygienists are imperative in clinical teaching of our students, residents and Harcum students, helping in rounds and wet labs to fourth-year students who rotate through the two-week clinical rotation in dentistry and oral surgery. Assist in teaching duties VCSP877 (rotation labs-135 hrs + instruction during anesthetized procedures), Lecture 2-3hrs per year to Harcum students and assisting in clinical rotation. Assist in Continuing Education wet labs for practicing veterinarians and technicians (60 hrs, including organizing, teaching wet-labs).

**Hours:** 40hrs Mon- Thurs Pay Range:\$16.23 - \$29.22

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**Posting Date:**

09/22/2020

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