

LABORATORY HELPER TRAINEE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, an incumbent in this class carries out routine manual tasks in a laboratory including preparation of media, solutions and glassware. Incumbents of this class receive on-the-job training while performing routine manual tasks. Upon successful completion of the six-month traineeship, incumbents are promoted to Laboratory Helper. With additional qualifying experience the incumbent may be promoted to Laboratory Assistant. Supervision is not a function of this class.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Assists in the decontamination of infectious specimens, media and materials;

Assists in the preparation of large volumes of culture media, solutions and glassware;

Operates large sterilizers and glassware washing equipment;

Prepares supplies for shipment of diagnostic kits;

Dispenses media in appropriate glassware.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Ability to learn the needed skill in the care and cleaning of standard laboratory equipment; ability to understand and follow simple technical instructions; thoroughness; dependability; honesty; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: High school or equivalency diploma.