DEFINITION:

Under supervision, a student performs all or part of the following duties:

(a) Works independently with flexible availability, including weekends and holidays.

(b) Weighs food for animals and ensures their nutritional needs are met.

(c) Provides emergency care to animals when necessary.

(d) Maintains animals’ specified diets and exercise routines.

(e) Records essential data for research on animal behavior.

(f) Ensures the proper environment for research animals, including:
   - Cleaning cages
   - Changing bedding
   - Preventing contamination from other animals
   - Keeping research areas free of pests
   - Monitoring and maintaining room temperatures for animals

(g) Loads and unloads bags of feed.

(h) Carries out additional tasks as required.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

One (1) year of experience caring for animals in a professional or laboratory setting.
(Student employee will be trained in performing the above duties.)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR STARTING AT STEP B:

Two (2) years of experience caring for animals in a professional setting or laboratory.

LEARNING OUTCOMES*:

- Promptly inform relevant others when needing guidance with assigned tasks.
- Proactively anticipate needs and prioritize action steps.
- Multi-task well in a fast-paced environment.
- Demonstrate flexibility by adapting to diverse environments.
- Demonstrate dependability.
- Have attention to detail, resulting in few, if any, errors in their work.
- Quickly adapt to diverse environments.

*Learning outcome descriptions from the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).