

MANUAL Student Employment Career Services	SECTION Student Job Description	PAGE 1 / 1 REVISED 5/24
SUBJECT <i>Animal Caretaker</i>	RANK x222	GROUP II

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 \(NACE\)](#).