



Dear Doctor:

The Portland Community College Veterinary Technology Program requires all applicants to observe 40 hours in a veterinary clinic or hospital for eligibility for admission to the program. The purpose is to introduce the applicant to the Veterinary Technology profession, and to allow that person to observe the activities of veterinary hospitals so that he/she will, hopefully, be able to decide if this is truly the occupational training he/she desires.

We request that you allow these students to observe the 40 hours in your hospital. We are only requesting that they observe and *not* do actual work so that there will be no problem for you in terms of liability relative to your patients and/or the person observing. If the prospective applicant is or has been an employee of yours and has met the requirement for observation and discussion listed on the "Task Observation Form" (see reverse side), then just fill out the form and return it to the applicant.

We greatly appreciate any effort you make to accommodate these request for observation. Both the program's faculty and our advisory committee feel this experience will be extremely valuable for the applicants and will, in the end, strengthen our program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brad Krohn, DVM
Veterinary Technology Program

TASK OBSERVATION FORM

Task to Observe:

Check ✓

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| 1. Minor surgical procedures (example: abscess drainage) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Major surgical procedures (example: ovariohysterectomy) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Office procedures (example: daily cash chart) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Client interaction (example: history taking) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Kennel or stall clean-up (example: cage clean-up) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Animal Medicating: (example: pilling and/or injecting a cat) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Euthanasia, if possible (not an absolute requirement) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Instrument clean-up | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Laboratory work -looking through a microscope: (example: fecal analysis) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Various other treatment procedures: (example: expressing anal sacs, enemas) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Topics to be Discussed:

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| 1. Anticipated wages of a veterinary technician | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Working hours for veterinary technicians | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Benefits anticipated, such as paid vacations, health insurance etc | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Rewards of being a veterinary technician | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Problems associated with being a veterinary technician | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signature of Veterinarian

Date

Name of Veterinary Hospital
