

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

NECROPSY TECHNICIAN

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of This Classification Specification

This classification specification is the basic authority under ER 2.04, Wis. Adm. Code, for making classification decisions relative to present and future positions which provide technical assistance to veterinary pathologists in a diagnostic, research, and/or instructional laboratory setting. This classification specification will not specifically identify every eventuality or combination of duties and responsibilities of positions that currently exist, or those that result from changing program emphasis in the future; rather, it is designed to serve as a framework for classification decision making in this occupational area.

B. Inclusions

This classification encompasses positions located at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection which, for a majority of the time, assist veterinary pathologists in the performance of necropsies.

C. Exclusions

Excluded from this classification are the following types of positions:

1. Positions functioning as Morticians or Histology Technicians for a majority of the time.
2. Management, professional, and supervisory positions, as defined in s. 111.81, Wis. Stats.
3. All other positions which are more appropriately identified by other classification specifications.

D. Entrance Into this Classification

Employees typically enter this classification by competitive examination.

E. Definitions of Terms Used in this Classification Specification

Necropsy: An autopsy on an animal specimen.

II. DEFINITION

NECROPSY TECHNICIAN

This is technical work related to the performance of necropsies for diagnostic, research, and/or instructional purposes. Positions allocated to this classification assist veterinary pathologists with necropsy procedures, including pathological examination, carcass manipulation, organ removal, and tissue collection; maintain necropsy room, equipment, and supplies; complete laboratory submission forms and monitor the delivery of tissues to laboratory sections; maintain records; and perform related work, as requested. Positions may assist with histopathology and histotechnology duties, and/or may instruct students or other employees in necropsy procedures. Positions function under the general supervision of professional veterinary staff.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications required for these positions will be determined at the time of recruitment. Such determinations will be made based on an analysis of the goals and worker activities performed, and by an identification of the education, training, work, or other life experience which would provide reasonable assurance that the knowledge and skills required upon appointment have been acquired.

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