

APPLICANT TASK OBSERVATION

Name: _____

Dear Veterinarian or Licensed Veterinary Technician/Nurse,

The Truckee Meadows Community College Veterinary Nursing Program asks that our prospective students observe interactions with veterinary patients and veterinary related procedures in order that they may gain an understanding of the field prior to pursuing a career as a Licensed Veterinary Technician. We appreciate your time in allowing students to observe in your workplace. A total of 50 hours are required for experience prior to entering the Veterinary Nursing Program. The fifty hours do not need to be completed at one facility, however. Experiences at various facilities are encouraged as this puts less strain on one particular facility to accommodate a volunteer. As this form will be turned in with the program application in May, volunteers can observe a few hours weekly over a few months to accommodate the hospital's and applicant's schedules. Volunteering at the local shelters to gain an understanding of animal behavior and care is acceptable, though we do encourage applicants to get a range of experiences.

The applicant is to observe in the main areas below. Please initial tasks the volunteer/applicant has completed on the line. The volunteer/applicant should observe as many tasks as possible.

The applicant has observed tasks related to Animal Nursing:

- _____ Observe DVM or LVT obtaining a history from an owner
- _____ Observe physical examinations
- _____ Observe daily treatment of hospitalized patients including administration of medications
- _____ Observe LVT interaction with the patient for work-up (cystocentesis, blood draw, etc)
- _____ Observe IV catheter placement and administration of fluid therapy
- _____ Observe safety for proper acquisition of radiographs and reviewing of radiographs (but not taking rads)

The applicant has observed tasks related to Surgery:

- _____ Observe preparation for surgery (including pre-med) and surgery itself (ex. spay, neuter, exploratory, etc)
- _____ Observe dental prophylaxis
- _____ Observe operation of a gas anesthetic machine and monitoring equipment
- _____ Observe equipment sterilization and aseptic technique

The applicant has observed tasks related to the Clinical Laboratory:

- _____ Observe parasitology – skin scrapings, parasite ova, etc. via microscopic examination
- _____ Observe blood cells and/or urine sediment under the microscope
- _____ Observe in-house blood testing (use of clinical machines and ELISA test kits)

The applicant has observed tasks related to the Veterinary Office:

- _____ Observe interaction with clients in reception and in an exam room
- _____ Observe telephone procedures and making of appointments
- _____ Observe record keeping

By initialing the above tasks and completing the time sheet on the following page, the applicant has received an introduction to the field of veterinary technology. Thank you.

Hospital/Facility: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____ Phone or email address: _____

