

**VETERINARIAN ASSISTANT****Nature of Work**

Under general supervision of a veterinarian, performs work at the full-performance level by assisting a veterinarian in supervising the test barn. Oversees the operation and personnel at the test barn. Monitors samples taken from winning horses and maintains records. Performs related work as required.

**Examples of Work**

Assigns work schedules and instructs employees in work methods and procedures.  
 Confers with veterinarian problems and observations.  
 Obtains, divides, tags, seals, secures, and stores urine samples.  
 Monitors the collection of urine samples and maintains strict accounting of samples sent for tests on illegal drug use.  
 Maintains records of horses, their tattoo number and information regarding sample collections.  
 Checks documents of horses to verify eligibility.  
 Completes bleeder certificates on horses.  
 Orders and receives supplies and maintains inventory.

**Knowledges, Skills and Abilities**

Knowledge of West Virginia rules of racing.  
 Knowledge of racetrack and horsemen's procedures and customs.  
 Ability to assign and supervise the work of others.  
 Ability to handle horses of varied temperaments.  
 Ability to work long, irregular hours outdoors in all weather extremes.  
 Ability to compile and keep records accurately.

**Minimum Qualifications**

TRAINING Graduation from an accredited high school or the equivalent.  
 EXPERIENCE Two years of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in thoroughbred or greyhound racing.

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 Effective: 9/16/93