

**LABORATORY ASSISTANT 1**

**Nature of Work**

Under direct supervision, performs work at the entry level by conducting a limited number of basic laboratory tasks and examinations and providing routine assistance to technical or professional personnel in accordance with well-defined and established regulations and procedures. Performs related work as required.

**Distinguishing Characteristics**

Performs entry level work involving the utilization of elementary methods and procedures in the performance of fundamental and routine tasks and examinations in accordance with well-defined and established procedures.

**Examples of Work**

Cleans and sterilizes laboratory glassware and equipment.  
Registers and prepares samples for analysis.  
Sterilizes and discards infectious and disposable waste materials according to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.  
Assists in the preparation of media and reagents.  
Maintains adequate supplies used within the work area.  
Maintains required records.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

Ability to learn basic laboratory terminology, techniques and practices.  
Ability to learn the federal requirements regarding proper disposal of laboratory waste materials.  
Ability to comprehend oral and written instructions.  
Ability to maintain accurate records.

**Minimum Qualifications**

**TRAINING** Graduation from a standard high school or the equivalent.

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Effective: 9/15/92