Kern County

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST I

Definition

Under direction, performs a variety of laboratory tests in various clinical laboratory sections and maintains records of examinations and findings.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is the entry level classification in the Clinical Laboratory Scientist series. Work is performed in accordance with established procedures and is reviewed by a supervisor. Promotions to Clinical Laboratory Scientist II are considered on a merit basis, subject to recommendation of the department head and approval by the Director of Personnel.

Essential Functions

* Performs a variety of laboratory tests and procedures with various types of specimens using specified laboratory techniques and methods.
* Performs daily quality control functions and applies professional knowledge and judgment to routine and special procedures.
* Operates various automated laboratory instruments and equipment.
* Maintains records of examinations and findings; inputs and maintains clinical laboratory data utilizing computer hardware and applicable software.
* Maintains effective professional work relationships with laboratory staff, other hospital departments and those contacted in the performance of required duties.

Other Functions

* Performs other job related duties as required.

Employment Standards

Possession of a valid license to practice as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist in the State of California. OR

Possession of a valid license issued by the State of California limited to specialization in Clinical Chemistry, Clinical Microbiology, or Clinical Immunohematology.
Knowledge of: principles, methods and techniques of laboratory work; current computer software applicable to maintaining clinical laboratory data.

Ability to: perform a variety of laboratory tests and procedures with accuracy and attention to detail; demonstrate knowledge of current instrumentation and methodology; maintain accurate records; operate computer hardware; utilize applicable software to input and maintain clinical laboratory data; understand and follow oral and written instructions; maintain effective working relationships with staff and those contacted in the performance of required duties.

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