**Pittsburg State University**

**Job Description**

**Teaching Laboratory Assistant Senior (G0N133)**

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt  
**Grade: 004 Hourly Staff**

**Job Family:** Academic & Student Services  
**Career Ladder:**

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***The Job Description is the document used to assign positions to jobs. The Position Description is the document that provide details about a position that has been assigned to the job. The Position Description includes specific duties performed by the employee on the position, including the percentage of time duties are performed. The Position Description also identifies preferred education and experience and competencies (knowledge skills and abilities) in addition to those identified in the Job Description. Details in the Position Description are used to assess the performance of the employee assigned to the position.***

**General Description of Job – Primary Function, Supervision and Instruction Received and Interactions**

*The information in this section provides a brief overview of the job. Additional information may be added in the Position Description.*

**Primary Function:** The primary function of the Teaching Laboratory Assistant Senior job is to manage the inventory of laboratory equipment, chemicals and supplies and to assemble, setup, clean, dismantle and store laboratory equipment used in teaching labs, as well as oversee compliance with hazardous waste materials.

**Supervision and Instruction Received:** Positions assigned to the Teaching Laboratory Assistant Senior job typically report to the director of the department or other appropriate administrator. Instruction received is under general supervision. The supervisor provides continuing or individual assignments by indicating generally what is to be done, limitations, quality and quantity expected, deadlines and priorities. Additionally, specific instructions are given for new, difficult, or unusual assignments. The employee uses initiative in carrying out a variety of recurring duties within established policy guidelines. The supervisor assures that the work is technically accurate and in compliance with instructions or established procedures.

**Interactions (purpose, with whom, frequency):** The Teaching Laboratory Assistant Senior interacts daily with students, faculty and staff.

**Examples of Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

*The following are examples of essential duties and responsibilities that may be required for a position assigned to this job. Specific duties and the percentage of time performed are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

1. Manage and oversee the department storeroom.
2. Consult with faculty on equipment needs for use in teaching laboratories.
3. Maintain laboratory equipment, perform minor repairs and facilitate the repair of equipment by appropriate sources.
4. Maintain inventory and orders laboratory equipment, supplies and chemicals for preparatory labs and research labs.
5. Prepare media, cultures or other samples and specimens for examination or testing.
6. Set up teaching laboratories for each class.
7. Clean, calibrate, and perform preventive maintenance and quality control procedures on laboratory equipment; maintain records and prepare related reports.
8. Perform any other related duties as required or assigned.

**Leadership, Supervisory or Management Responsibilities**

Mark an “X” next to the one statement which best describes the job, if applicable.

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| **X** | Lead worker (assigns, trains, schedules, oversees, or reviews the work of others) |
|  | Supervisor (plans, staffs, evaluates and directs work of employees in a work unit) |
|  | Indirect Supervisor (delegates authority to carry out work of a unit to subordinate supervisors or managers) |

The number of employees led, supervised, or managed is included in the position description.

**Minimum Education and Experience – Required at Hire**

*The following minimum education and experience is required at time of hire. Addition education and experience may be preferred. Preferred education and experience is identified in the Position Description.*

* High school diploma or equivalent.
* One year of experience in a storekeeping or academic/student services support position. Education may be substituted for experience as determined by the university.

**Examples of Competencies – Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA’s)**

*The competencies listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability that may be required. Specific competencies and frequency performed are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

1. **Knowledge**

* **Chemistry** – Knowledge of the chemical composition, structure and properties of substances and of the chemical processes and transformations that they undergo. This includes uses of chemicals and their interactions, danger signs, production techniques and disposal methods.
* **Clerical** – Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records and designing forms.
* **Customer and Personal Service** — Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services.
* **English Language** — Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.

1. **Skills**

* **Active Listening** — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
* **Coordination** – Adjusting actions in relation to others’ actions.
* **Critical Thinking** — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
* **Equipment Maintenance** – Performing routine maintenance on equipment and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed.
* **Judgment and Decision Making** — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.
* **Reading Comprehension** — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.
* **Repairing** – Repairing machines or systems using the needed tools.
* **Service Orientation** — Actively looking for ways to help people.
* **Social Perceptiveness** – Being aware of others’ reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
* **Speaking** — Talking to others to convey information effectively.
* **Time Management** — Managing one's own time and the time of others.
* **Writing** – Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.

1. **Abilities**

* **Collaboration** - Ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholders (faculty, community partners, staff, etc.) to build/sustain internal and external relationships.
* **Deductive Reasoning** The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.
* **Diversity –** The ability to effectively work in a diverse educational setting.
* **Finger Dexterity –** The ability to make precisely coordinated movements of the fingers of one or both hands to grasp, manipulate or assemble very small objects.
* **Inductive Reasoning** – The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).
* **Multi-Task and Deadlines** - The ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
* **Near Vision** — The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).
* **Oral Comprehension** — The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
* **Oral Expression** — The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.
* **Problem Sensitivity** – The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.
* **Relationships** – The ability to work in a collegial environment with shared governance, and to establish and cultivate relationships inside and outside the University.
* **Selective Attention** — The ability to concentrate on a task over a period of time without being distracted.
* **Speech Clarity** – The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.
* **Speech Recognition** – The ability to identify and understand the speech of another person.
* **Visual Color Discrimination** – The ability to match or detect differences between colors, including shades of colors and brightness.
* **Written Comprehension** – The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
* **Written Expression** – The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.

1. **Work Activity**

* **Communicating with Persons Outside Organization** — Communicating with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone or e-mail.
* **Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates** — Providing information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
* **Documenting/Recording Information** – Entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining information in written or electronic/magnetic form.
* **Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships** — Developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others and maintaining them over time.
* **Getting Information** — Observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources.
* **Interacting With Computers** — Using computers and computer systems (including hardware and software) to program, write software, set up functions, enter data, or process information.
* **Inspecting Equipment, Structures or Materials –** Inspecting equipment, structures or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.
* **Making Decisions and Solving Problems** – Analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
* **Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work** — Developing specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish your work.
* **Performing Administrative Activities** – Performing day-to-day administrative tasks such as maintaining files and processing paperwork.
* **Performing General Physical Activities –** Performing physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling of materials.
* **Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge** — Keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to your job.

**Environmental Conditions (Hazards, Risks or Discomforts)**

*The environment conditions listed below are representative of the environmental conditions that may be present for a position assigned to this job. Environmental conditions for a position are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

* General office and University storeroom conditions.
* May be exposed to moderate noise levels.
* Work requires physical exertion.
* Will be exposed to equipment with moving parts.
* Will be exposed to hazardous chemicals.

**Equipment or Machines Used**

*The following are examples of equipment or machines that may be regularly used to perform the duties of the position. Specific equipment and the frequency used is found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

* Office Equipment, such as printers, copiers, fax machines, and calculators.
* Computers and Peripherals, such as computers, scanners, desktop computers
* Laboratory equipment, such as scales, beakers, gloves, Bunsen burners, microscopes, slides, autoclaves and water purification systems.

**License or Certification Required by Statute or Regulation**

*List license(s) or certification(s) appropriate for the position. Indicate those that are required by statute or regulation at time of hire.*

* None

**Additional Requirements**

*The following are examples of additional requirements that may be required to perform the duties of the position. Additional requirements for a position are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

* Regular attendance is a necessary and essential function
* Satisfactory Pre-Hire Background Checks Required:
  + Sex Offender Registry Check
  + Criminal Record

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