**Zoo Vet Tech (full-time)**

**Who we are:**

At the Topeka Zoo, we believe what we do changes the world by enriching our community through wildlife conservation and education.

**Why work with us?**

Working with the Topeka Zoo is a one-of-a-kind experience. Offers the opportunity to connect with community influencers, plus, everyone wants to come to the Zoo! *Being a Vet Tech at the Topeka Zoo is amazing! Our Tech has the opportunity to work with Exotic animals (Lions, Tigers, Bears, Elephants and soo much ~ this is truly an amazing opportunity.)*

**Benefits:**

* Group health insurance
* Retirement savings plan
* Paid time off
* Paid holidays
* Paid parental leave

**Hours**

40 per week: typically 7:30 – 4:30, schedule is a 5 day work week including Weekends & Holidays.

Will work two days independently with no Vet onsite

**A day in the life of a Vet Tech team member:**

* Assist with maintaining the Animal Health program
  + Schedule & assist with preventative maintenance
* Participate in medical procedures
  + Prep equipment for surgery, immobilization, and anesthesia
  + Prep animals for surgery
  + Test equipment per-surgery
* Provide animal care for patients in hospital and undergoing quarantine
  + Set up housing
  + Treatments as prescribed
  + Cleaning, feeding, and enrichment
* Provide laboratory services
  + Maintain the Parasitology schedule for the animals
  + Sample collection, processing, shipments, and transfers
* Maintain the Pharmacy
  + Track inventory of medical supplies
  + Purchase and restock
  + Dispose of expired inventory

**Vet Tech attributes and skills:**

* Amazing ability to connect with people and animals
* Contributes positively to the workplace and communicates/interacts effectively

with all persons including coworkers, volunteers, and visitors.

* Performs additional duties, as assigned.

**Vet Tech qualifications:**

* At least a two-year degree from an accredited school in Veterinary Technology or its equivalent.
* Obtain a State of Kansas Registered Veterinary Technician license upon hire.
* Valid Kansas driver’s license, or ability to acquire one once hired.
* Ability to pass pre-employment screening, including a criminal background check.
* Reliable and punctual attendance habits. With high-quality performance.
* At least one-year of work experience, preferably in a zoo, providing animal care or equivalent combination of experience and training, which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities.
* Commitment to the mission of the Topeka Zoo and its Core Values.

**Physical Demands:**

* Ability to frequently reach with hands and arms. Along with the ability, be able to bend, lift, pull, twist, push, squat, and drag. Have good “hand/ eye” coordination.
* Ability to routinely lift, carry, or move fifty (50) pounds.
* Ability to stand and sit for periods of time and to move intermittently throughout the workday.
* Ability to regularly walk assigned areas several times per day and efficiently enter all enclosures.
* Ability to safely handle and operate hand tools, power tools, and other equipment necessary to conduct assigned tasks.
* Ability to work both indoors and outdoors, with exposure to extreme temperatures and inclement weather conditions; the environment may include wet, icy, or muddy conditions.
* Have good time management while showing productivity.

**Schedule:**

Wage Range: $19.50 - 22