

VETERINARY PATHOLOGIST - SES

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

*****OPEN COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITY*****

CONTACT:

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

A doctorate in Veterinary Medicine or Eligibility for licensure as a Veterinarian by the State of Florida in accordance with Florida Statute 474, and Board certified in Pathology.

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Requires possession of a valid Class E driver license.

*****ATTENTION CANDIDATES*****

To be considered for a position with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

- **All fields in the Candidate Profile must be completed (an attached resume is not a substitution for the information required on the candidate profile).**
- **Work history, duties and responsibilities, hours worked, supervisor, and formal education fields, etc. must be filled out to determine qualifications for this position.**
- **Responses to Qualifying Questions must be verifiable in the Candidate Profile.**

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services values and supports employment of individuals with disabilities. Qualified individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Incumbent must pass a pulmonary function test with medical evaluation, must undergo and pass regular respirator fit-testing, and must wear a respirator when required. Will be subject to the requirements of the proper use of appropriate respirator.

Occasional travel required.

NOTES:

Successful applicant must pass a background screening, including fingerprinting, as a condition of employment.

JOB DUTIES:

Responsible and accountable for managing budget/dollars/resources (staff, vehicles, computers, cell phones, etc.) of any assigned programs in an efficient and accountable manner.

Responsible for ensuring that assigned program areas have operational procedures and processes which result in accountability and compliance with division and department policies and procedures.

Manages and provides diagnostic and consultative services to veterinary practitioners, animal owners and producers, and regulatory officials. As a veterinary pathologist performs gross and microscopic examination of animal tissues, and prepares thorough, comprehensive reports of such findings. Assures that data generated from test results are conveyed accurately. Provides rapid notification of reportable disease results to Pathology Section Head, Laboratory Director and the State Veterinarian. Develops a working knowledge of routine laboratory assays and obtains proficiency for testing in assigned area. Maintains working knowledge of the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) and utilizes this tool for case coordination and reporting.

Assists with overall technical, managerial, and fiscal operations of the laboratory. Keeps the Pathology Department Head and Laboratory Director informed of all issues of administrative, logistical, diagnostic, and regulatory concern. Routinely reviews scientific periodicals and literature for information pertinent to the laboratory, including new techniques that could, if adopted, improve the diagnostic services of the bureau. Undertakes gross anatomical pathology duties on a rotational basis and participates in the case load of animal tissue slides submitted for microscopic examination. Consults with in-house pathologists, professional laboratory staff, as well as the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) and university pathologists, to enhance diagnostic skills.

Monitors inventory for supplies, equipment, and materials for supervised areas of operation. Ensures adequate supply of time sensitive materials and monitors expiration dates. Ensures that procurement orders are initiated in a timely manner to maintain adequate stock to prevent depletion. Ensures equipment and facilities are maintained in an orderly fashion and operated according to proper procedures. Provides a variety of assigned written reports utilizing a personal computer. Maintains data and statistics for assigned areas in a contemporaneous fashion to ensure data is readily available when leadership requests are received.

As a Veterinarian Pathologist this position serves as Head of the Necropsy Section:

- a) Oversees the daily operations of the necropsy section. Prepares a weekly and monthly schedule of necropsy services for the gross examination of carcasses, appropriate collection and distribution of samples for analysis to different sections of the laboratory, as well as to third party laboratories.
- b) Provides mentorship, coaching, training and guidance to direct reports.
- c) Maintains direct communication with the facilities manager to assure the proper maintenance of the crematorium, and of the necropsy suite.
- d) Responsible for the upkeep of the necropsy equipment, and the cleanliness and disinfection of the necropsy suite. Assures appropriate stock of supplies to preclude disruption of operations of the necropsy room. Prepares worksheets requesting supplies as needed.

In coordination with the Pathology Department's Quality Assurance (QA) Coordinator and Bureau QA Manager, develops quality assurance procedures and ensures that appropriate quality control methods, and biosafety standards are enforced and maintained. Monitors and resolves sample quality issues and performs testing troubleshooting and problem solving. Composes Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), forms, uploads and update necropsy quality control records in Qpulse. The incumbent is required to participate in emergency planning and response exercises and/or preparedness for surge outbreaks of classic or foreign animal diseases.

Performs other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to have Veterinary Pathology residency.
- Ability to be ACVP Board certification preferred.
- Knowledge of veterinary pathology.
- Knowledge of animal diseases.
- Knowledge of animal husbandry practices of different species.
- Ability to identify gross and microscopic lesions in animal tissues.
- Ability to write reports and interpretive summary of such findings.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds.

The Benefits of Working for the State of Florida

Working for the State of Florida is more than a paycheck. The State's total compensation package for employees features a highly competitive set of employee benefits including:

- Annual and Sick Leave benefits;
- Nine paid holidays and one Personal holiday each year;
- State Group Insurance coverage options, including health, life, dental, vision and other supplemental insurance options;
- Retirement plan options, including employer contributions (For more information, please visit www.myfrs.com;))
- Flexible Spending Accounts;
- Tuition waivers;
- And more!

For a complete list of benefits, visit www.mybenefits.myflorida.com.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The State of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer, and does not tolerate discrimination or violence in the workplace.

Candidates requiring a reasonable accommodation, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, must notify the agency hiring authority and/or People First Service Center (1-866-663-4735). Notification to the hiring authority must be made in advance to allow sufficient time to provide the accommodation.

The State of Florida supports a Drug-Free workplace. All employees are subject to reasonable suspicion drug testing in accordance with Section 112.0455, F.S., Drug-Free Workplace Act.

Nearest Major Market: Orlando

To apply, visit: <https://jobs.myflorida.com/job/KISSIMMEE-VETERINARY-PATHOLOGIST-42001045-1-FL-34741/1067503300/>