

Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)

This classification specification identifies representative duties and responsibilities, and is intended to assist in the determination of the appropriate classification level within each discipline. Some duties and responsibilities may overlap between class levels. The classification specification is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of all duties performed.

Classification Title: **Tissue Specialist I**

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Job Summary:

Under the guidance of the Tissue Specialist II, the Tissue Specialist I is an entry level position that assists in the recovery, processing, evaluation and preservation of human tissue (bones, tendons, eyes, skin, hearts for valves, etc.) from cadaveric donors.

Key Responsibilities and Typical Duties:

Core Duties

- Prepares body for surgical procedures.
- Performs surgical retrieval of human tissue from cadaveric donors in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- Closes and reconstructs donor body.
- Documents recovery process in donor chart in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- Prepares recovered tissues for short term storage and ensures that all tissues are placed into proper quarantine storage in accordance with standard operating procedures.
- Performs similar duties as above in the processing of recovered tissues.

Other Related Duties

- Reports safety incidents or deficiencies to the Tissue Specialist II.
- Assists the Tissue Specialist II with other duties as required.

Leadership

- Not Applicable.

Decision-Making

- May select specific protocols to be used based on conditions and/or working environment.
- Recognizes general abnormalities in tissue samples and reports to the Tissue Specialist II.

Knowledge:

Education

- High School Diploma required.
- An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Registration Requirements

- Not Applicable.
- Certification as a Tissue Specialist, Eye Bank Technician or equivalent by a recognized Canadian or American Organization preferred.

Working Conditions:

Physical Demands

- Walking, bending, lifting and long periods of standing required.
- High degree of prolonged visual attention/concentration required.
- Regularly required to perform repetitive movement.

Work Environment:

- Exposure to blood, body fluids, equipment, sharp instruments and biohazardous material.
- Requires protective clothing.
- May be exposed to cold temperatures.
- May be required to perform work in multiple locations such as operating rooms, morgues, hospital unit and/or the Medical Examiner's Office.