



Work where you matter.

Vancouver Island University invites applications for the full-time role of **Chemistry Lab Technician**.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

Ideally situated on Mid-Vancouver Island with spectacular views of the coastal mountains, Vancouver Island University is a comprehensive teaching university with approximately 15,000 students across four campuses. VIU proudly fosters student success, strong community connections and international collaborations by providing access to a wide range of programs, from academic undergraduate and master's to industry-responsive trades and vocational training. To be a part of the VIU community is to know what it is like to matter here.

The VIU community acknowledges the traditional, unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw, Quw'utsun, Tla'Amin, Snaw-naw-as and Qualicum First Nation on whose lands we teach, learn, research, live and share knowledge. We raise our hands and say Hay ch qa' sii'em sieye' yu mukw Mustimuxw to the original stewards of these territories.

POSITION PROFILE

The Department of Chemistry is looking for a full-time Lab Technician with an interest in contributing to a growing department at a special purpose teaching university. We invite applications with direct laboratory experience including maintenance and service of instrumentation in a modern teaching environment. The successful candidate will be a good communicator, able to contribute to a respectful, collegial and collaborative environment, participate in public outreach activities, and demonstrate a commitment to professional development and training, as needed.

Vancouver Island University is located in Nanaimo, British Columbia, which provides access to world-class recreational opportunities and research field sites, such as the Deep Bay Marine Field Station, the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Reserve, and the Pacific Biological Station. VIU is committed to diversity as one of its core values and seeks applicants that support equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

CANDIDATE EXPECTATIONS

Duties include, maintaining good lab practices, promoting health and safety, chemical inventory,

assisting in the development of new teaching labs, ensuring that all equipment is functioning, and instructing/supervising students in the proper use of instrumentation in the lab. Specific Job Responsibilities:

1. Assisting in the instruction of laboratory techniques, the use of instruments and lab-based problems.
2. Working with instructional faculty to develop, test and improve new lab experiments and update laboratory manuals.
3. Assisting with the evaluation of students in the lab with regard to techniques and knowledge of safety.
4. Maintenance of a safe working environment with respect to handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.
5. Preparing solutions and materials required for laboratory classes. Physical set-up and tear down of experiments in teaching lab spaces.
6. Maintaining, submitting and monitoring the status of department purchase orders.
7. Equipment/instrumentation repair and maintenance, data management and processing used in the teaching labs.
8. Maintaining electronic resources including Safety Data Sheets, reference materials, instructional supplies, equipment manuals, and supply catalogs.
9. Maintenance and instruction of Good Laboratory Management Practices, including maintaining a clean and organized learning and work environment in Chemistry preparation areas, teaching labs and instrument rooms.
10. Assisting students and instructors in obtaining course materials.
11. Supervising practicum students and student laboratory assistants.
12. The ability to work independently and over a variety of shifts, including evenings.

CANDIDATE ATTRIBUTES

Successful candidates will participate in a wide range of activities, including, student support; institutional, faculty and departmental committee meetings and other initiatives; and professional activities in keeping with their disciplines in and outside the institution.

The successful applicant will have a B.Sc. in Chemistry from an appropriately accredited institution including 2 years of additional laboratory experience.

TO APPLY

View the full position profile [online](#) and apply by the close date of March 25.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. VIU embraces the principle of employment equity and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, and people of Aboriginal descent.