



PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

CHARACTERISTICS OF WORK:

This is personnel work performing duties which provide assistance to an administrative superior in carrying out a comprehensive personnel management program, either for the State Personnel Board or for an individual state agency operating in accordance with the policies and regulations of the State Personnel Board. Incumbents are responsible for personnel functions such as conducting orientation training, maintenance of individual personnel records and organization/position records, preparation and submission of forms and data for personnel transactions, and for assisting with other personnel functions such as applicant recruitment and selection procedures, preparing job descriptions, and conducting classification/compensation studies. Work is performed under general supervision of an administrative superior.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

These minimum qualifications have been agreed upon by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in this job class and are based upon a job analysis and the essential functions. However, if a candidate believes he/she is qualified for the job although he/she does not have the minimum qualifications set forth below, he/she may request special consideration through substitution of related education and experience, demonstrating the ability to perform the essential functions of the position. Any request to substitute related education or experience for minimum qualifications must be addressed to the State Personnel Board in writing, identifying the related education and experience which demonstrates the candidate's ability to perform all essential functions of the position.

EXPERIENCE/EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Education:

Graduation from a standard four-year high school or equivalent (GED);

AND

Experience:

Three (3) years experience in work related to the described duties.

Substitution Statement:

Related education and related experience may be substituted on an equal basis.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

These physical requirements are not exhaustive, and additional job related physical requirements may be added to these by individual agencies on an as needed basis. Corrective devices may be used to meet physical requirements. These are typical requirements; however, reasonable accommodations may be possible.

Light Work: May frequently walk or stand and/or frequently exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 10 pounds and/or occasionally exert force equivalent to lifting up to approximately 20 pounds.

Vision: Requires the ability to perceive the nature of objects by the eye.

Near acuity: Clarity of vision at 20 inches or less.

Midrange: Clarity of vision at distances of more than 20 inches and less than 20 feet.

Speaking/Hearing: Possesses the ability to give and receive information through speaking and listening skills.

Motor Coordination: While performing the duties of this job, the incumbent is regularly required to sit; and reach with hands and arms. The incumbent is occasionally required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or bend.

COMPETENCIES:

The following competencies describe the knowledge, skills, abilities, and attributes that lead to a successful employee in this position. An applicant will be expected to exhibit these competencies or the ability to reach competency achievement within a specified time. These competencies are linked to the essential functions of the job. Employees in this position may be evaluated on these competencies as part of the performance appraisal system. Example behaviors are listed below each competency and are used for illustrative purposes only. Specific behaviors may be identified and included later by the hiring agency. It is understood that some of these behaviors might not be acquired until a reasonable time after hire. Failure of an employee to successfully demonstrate some or all of these competencies, as deemed important by his or her reporting official, may result in the employee being placed on a performance improvement plan. If after a reasonable period of time, usually three (3) months, the employee fails to demonstrate successful performance, the employee may be terminated. These competencies include, but are not limited to, the following:

PUBLIC SECTOR COMPETENCIES:

Integrity and Honesty: Demonstrates a sense of responsibility and commitment to the public trust through statements and actions.

Models and demonstrates high standards of integrity, trust, openness, and respect for others. Demonstrates integrity by honoring commitments and promises. Demonstrates integrity by maintaining necessary confidentiality.

Work Ethic: Is productive, diligent, conscientious, timely, and loyal.

Conscientiously abides by the rules, regulations, and procedures governing work.

Service Orientation: Demonstrates a commitment to quality public service through statements and actions.

Seeks to understand and meets and/or exceeds the needs and expectations of customers. Treats customers with respect, responding to requests in a professional manner, even in difficult circumstances. Provides accurate and timely service. Develops positive relationships with customers.

Accountability: Accepts responsibility for actions and results.

Is productive and carries fair share of the workload. Focuses on quality and expends the necessary time and effort to achieve goals. Demonstrates loyalty to the job and the agency and is a good steward of state assets. Steadfastly persists in overcoming obstacles and pushes self for results. Maintains necessary attention to detail to achieve high level performance. Deals effectively with pressure and recovers quickly from setbacks. Takes ownership of tasks, performance standards, and mistakes. Has knowledge of how to perform one's job. Knows the organization's mission and functions and how it fits into state government.

Self Management Skills: Effectively manages emotions and impulses and maintains a positive attitude.

Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, trust, and group identity; fosters commitment and team spirit; works effectively and cooperatively with others to achieve goals. Treats all people with respect, courtesy, and consideration. Communicates effectively. Remains open to new ideas and approaches. Avoids conflicts of interest. Promotes cooperation and teamwork.

Interpersonal Skills: Shows understanding, courtesy, tact, empathy, and concern to develop and maintain relationships.

Demonstrates cross cultural sensitivity and understanding. Identifies and seeks to solve problems and prevent or resolve conflict situations. Encourages others through positive reinforcement.

Communication Skills: Receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and expresses information to individuals or groups effectively.

Receives other cues such as body language in ways that are appropriate to listeners and situations. Takes into account the audience and nature of the information; listens to others, attends to nonverbal cues, and responds appropriately. May make oral presentations. Communicates ideas, suggestions and concerns, as well as outcomes and progress throughout the process of an activity. Provides thorough and accurate information.

Self-Development: Adapts behavior or work methods in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles.

Seeks efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills; uses training, feedback, or other opportunities for self-learning and development. Develops and enhances skills to adapt to changing organizational needs. Remains open to change and new information and ideas.

TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES:

Communication: Shares information in writing or verbally

Concisely and correctly answers questions and/or explains or conveys information to the public, agency, co-workers, management, contractors, vendors and other entities. Asks appropriate questions to gain information needed to assist the public or provide information to the public, agency personnel (e.g., personnel inside agency, outside agency, and other state's agency personnel), or other entities. Participates effectively in meetings, seminars, and training sessions. Presents oral and written information internally or externally using proper grammar, punctuation, and content. Appropriately documents information using tools such as: letters, e-mails, reports, memoranda, bids, proposals, contracts, etc. Communicates information in a courteous manner without invoking anger. Knowledgeably refers issues to appropriate agency or other personnel. Assists in conducting orientation and induction training for new employees.

Workflow Management: Carries out, completes, and follows up on work that is performed.

Schedules and manages workload to achieve goals. Works independently or assists an administrative superior resolving all tasks timely. Researches and finds solutions using all available informational resources. Effectively utilizes resources such as time, computer equipment, supplies, travel, etc. Makes appropriate choices or exercises sound judgment for a variety of circumstances. Exercises appropriate level of professional curiosity based on information obtained. Adapts appropriately to a variety of situations and surroundings.

Professional Maturity: Possesses the capacities and aptitudes acquired by means of personal or professional experience, which enable functions to be fulfilled, and to deal with situations in the workplace in a professional manner.

Is able to assess the situation and appropriately respond. Exhibits the attributes of confidence, assertion, tolerance, patience, and empathy at the appropriate time in stressful or high-pressure situations. Manages conflicts and defuses situations. Knows when to refer an issue to the appropriate level. Aligns personal behavior with agency standards. Continuously assesses work unit for areas of improvements and suggests changes for continuous improvement. Responds appropriately to supervision and administrative decisions. Is able to work under and with authority and accepts decisions. Takes initiative to accomplish stated and unstated goals. Maintains appropriate standards of professionalism and only provides information within authority to provide in area of expertise.

Technical: Is proficient with computers and software applicable to position.

Is proficient in using computer hardware and software to complete assign tasks, meet agency goals, and produce required products. Possesses knowledge of software products which could include but is not limited to the following: Windows, WordPerfect, Word, Excel, QuattroPro and PowerPoint or equivalent.

Personnel: Provides assistance in the functioning of an agency's personnel office.

Maintains individual personnel records, reports, and files. Maintains agency records. Assists a personnel officer in doing studies, surveys, and reports. Assists in the recruitment of applicants for the state agency.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Additional essential functions may be identified and included by the hiring agency. The essential functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Maintains personnel records/files.
2. Assists with applicants and new hire processing.
3. Processes personnel transactions.
4. Assists with Employee Performance Appraisal.
5. Performs designated office functions.
6. Maintains time, attendance, and leave balances.

EXAMPLES OF WORK:

Examples of work performed in this classification include, but are not limited to, the following:

Maintains individual personnel records, reports, and files on matters such as hiring, pay, classification, promotion, termination, performance evaluation, training, and retirement.

Assists a departmental personnel officer in making classification and compensation studies, surveys, and reports.

Schedules interviews of applicants for employment.

Maintains functional records such as agency organizational charts, duties and responsibilities of individual positions, position placement into occupational classes, and Equal Employment Opportunity records.

Prepares and submits forms and data for personnel transactions.

Assists in the recruitment of applicants for state employment, review of applications, and selection procedures.

Maintains other records such as leave, travel, and insurance as required.

Performs a variety of clerical details relating to personnel transactions.

Assists in interpreting personnel regulations and procedures for employees.

Assists in preparing job descriptions.

Performs related or similar duties as required or assigned.

INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS:

Any candidate who is called to an agency for an interview must notify the interviewing agency in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.