

Specification for Class of

RECREATION SPECIALIST 1
Abolished Effective July 1, 2007

Definition: Under supervision performs entrance level professional recreation activities.

Typical Work

Works in one or several skill areas, instructing in program of sports, social activities, drama, music, outings, literature, and arts and crafts;

Confers with supervisor to discuss individual's disabilities and determines his limitations insofar as participation is concerned;

Makes oral and written progress and adjustment reports; maintains records;

Coordinates work with other personnel engaged in carrying out recreation activities;

Assists in contacting community resources in planning for special events;

Works with volunteers assigned to recreation programs;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: several fields of recreational activities, including specialized knowledge in at least one broad area, such as sports, dramatics, music, social activities, arts and crafts, individual and group recreation techniques; humanities and behavioral sciences; techniques of observing patients and making oral and written reports.

Ability to: plan, organize, and lead group activities; instruct and interest individuals in recreation; adapt recreation policies, methods and techniques to specific operational situations; establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees; prepare reports; keep records.

Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelor's degree involving major study in either (a) recreation, (b) music, drama or physical education or (c)

psychology, sociology or education with a minor in recreation, physical education, music or drama.

OR

Three years of experience as a Recreation Assistant.

Note: For positions which include swimming instruction, a valid Water Safety Instructor's Certificate or equivalent issued by American Red Cross or YMCA is required. For positions which include lifeguard duties but not swimming instruction, a valid Senior Lifesaving Certificate or equivalent issued by American Red Cross or YMCA is required.

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