

Specification for Class of

RECREATION SPECIALIST 2
Abolished Effective July 1, 2007

Definition: Organizes, schedules and conducts group and/or individual recreational activities; or participates/assists in recreational therapy, for patients, students, offenders or other residents of a state institution/facility.

Typical Work

Develops schedule of recreation activities to meet needs, interests, and abilities of individual patients or groups of patients, students, inmates, or other residents of State institution;

Trains, supervises, and coordinates employees in recreation program;

Plans, organizes, and directs part of recreation program for designated number of patients in institutions;

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

Assists, or contacts, community resources in planning for special events;

Confers with clinical or other staff members to determine recreation program for individual patients or groups; participates in coordinating meetings and conferences with institutional supervisory personnel;

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

Initiates requisitions and distributes recreation materials and equipment for part of recreation program;

Supervises and coordinates services of 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 two broad areas, such as sports,

dramatics, music, social activities, arts and crafts; principles of supervision; principles and techniques of group and individual therapeutic recreation; techniques of observing patients and making oral and written reports; training techniques; humanities and behavioral sciences.

Ability to: plan, organize, and lead institution recreation programs or direct part of recreation program; adapt recreation policies, methods and techniques to specific operational situations; supervise and train others; establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees; establish and maintain effective records and reporting system.

Minimum Qualifications

A Bachelor's degree involving major study in either (a) recreation or therapeutic recreation, (b) music, drama, or physical education or (c) psychology, sociology, or education with a minor in recreation, physical education, music or drama and one year of paid, professional recreation experience.

OR

One year of experience as a Recreation Specialist 1.

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 Lifeguard Certificate or equivalent issued by American Red Cross or YMCA is required.

Note: Recreational therapy includes providing individualized assessments and treatment which are goal-oriented and directed towards rehabilitation and modification of specific physical, emotional, mental or social behaviors.

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