

RECEPTIONIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is receptionist work involving answering phones, greeting and directing visitors, etc. General clerical work may be performed in accordance with prescribed routine. While reception duties may be handled by any clerical employee, an incumbent of this position will devote more than half the working day to straight receptionist duties. The work is performed under the general supervision of an office supervisor. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Receives visitors and telephone inquiries and refers them to proper personnel of the office;
Fills requests for applications, forms etc., and answers routine questions for completing them;
Provides answers to routine questions from visitors or telephone callers concerning departmental or office matters;
Maintains records of calls and visitors received, mail distribution, machine use, etc.;
May open, sort and distribute mail;
May prepare, sort or index materials alphabetically or numerically;
May maintain an inventory and distribute office forms and supplies;
May operate a multi-line telephone;
May operate a variety of office machines in the performance of clerical work, such as photocopy, calculator, fax machine, etc.;
May receive payments and issue receipts.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of correct English usage; good knowledge of standard telephone courtesy; good knowledge of procedures for handling public inquiries and complaints, in person and on the telephone; working knowledge of office terminology, practices and equipment; ability to deal effectively with the public; ability to learn and understand office procedures, practices, and policies and to respond to inquiries regarding same; ability to direct callers to the appropriate personnel*.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and two (2) years of work experience, one (1) year of which must have involved public contact as a substantial (more than one-third) portion of the work as defined in the Notes below.

NOTES:

1. Public contact shall be defined as direct contact (i.e., in-person or telephone interactions) with clients, customers or members of the public that involves persuasion, negotiation, counseling, gathering disseminating, or clarifying information, and inspection activities that include contact with individuals, or similar activities. The nature of the contact is such that it requires judgment and independent thinking on the part of the individual in dealing with or responding to another person.
2. Office clerical work or work involving substantial public contact may be substituted for education on a year-for-year basis.
3. One (1) year as a Receptionist or related position may be deemed fully qualifying.

*To be demonstrated during the probationary period.

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