

STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELOR*

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work of a complex nature which involves a responsibility for individual, group and family counseling for students who show drug/alcohol abuse behavior or for those who are troubled and/or "at risk," as a supplement to the services provided by the school counseling program. The work is performed under the general supervision of a school administrator. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Provides counseling services to alcohol or drug abusing, troubled or difficult students on a group counseling and one-to-one basis;
Provides group or family counseling where related to the above-mentioned problems;
Acts as a team member in student counseling among school psychologists, teachers and school guidance counselors, nurses, attendance officers, and other school personnel;
Refers family members to other human services organizations when appropriate;
Maintains records of all counseling sessions and prepares periodic reports;
Provides drug prevention education and value clarification services to students and faculty.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of current therapies in problems of drug abuse, alcohol abuse and related problem areas; good knowledge of the principles and practices of counseling and community casework; ability to work with problem youngsters in a school setting; ability to maintain successful relationships with students and their families, school personnel and professionals in the field; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to secure the cooperation of others; ability to make appropriate referrals to clinical services for the psychologically addicted student.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- a. A Master's degree in Social Work and one (1) year of full time client contact experience in counseling, casework, mental health, probation, or social work which must have involved working with drug and/or alcohol abusing youth in a supervised setting; or
- b. A Master's degree in Counseling, School or Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Nursing, or a related field and three (3) years of the experience described in (a) above.

NOTE: Volunteer work experience must have included an average of twenty (20) hours per week with at least six (6) client contact hours per week over the course of a year in a professionally supervised setting with a minimum of two (2) hours per week of supervision.

*This is a retitling of School Community Counselor.