GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs moderately complex (journey-level) vocational rehabilitation work. Work involves evaluating disabilities, conducting vocational assessments, and developing rehabilitation plans to provide maximum independence and employability. May provide guidance to others. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Evaluates disabilities to determine functional limitations and assets.

Conducts vocational assessments to establish suitable vocational objectives for the client.

Develops rehabilitation plans that fit clients’ aptitudes, education levels, physical abilities, and career goals.

Develops and maintains relationships with community referral sources, businesses, employers, and schools.

Develops and implements a system for providing job placement.

Screens individuals to determine eligibility and to ensure that vocational rehabilitation services are appropriate.

Prepares vocational case reports to monitor and record clients’ progress to ensure that goals and objectives are met.

Contacts clients and monitors services to ensure timely provision of services and progress to plan completion or employment outcome.

Counsels clients and families to ensure completion of services and resolve problems.

Assists in managing client service budgets.

Assists in the interpretation of aptitude and psychological tests.

May maintain records of vocational rehabilitation assistance provided.
May provide guidance to others.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in vocational rehabilitation services. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in social work, rehabilitation, or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of counseling techniques, vocational assessments, job placement and interviewing techniques, and community resources.

Skill in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to promote vocational rehabilitation programs, to use vocational assessment tools, to communicate effectively, and to provide guidance to others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

May require certification as a Rehabilitation Counselor.