

JOB DESCRIPTION



Position Title: Financial Aid Technician I Veterans Services Specialist

Department: Financial Aid

Employment Category: Classified Staff

Primary Location: Sierra Vista Campus

FLSA Classification: Non-exempt

Parameters: 40 hours/week; 12 months/year

Pay Grade: CS09

Position Summary: The Financial Aid Veterans Services Specialist is responsible for assisting the department staff in the evaluation of veterans' registration paperwork for submission to the Veterans Administration (VA). Serving as liaison between Cochise College, Ft. Huachuca, current and future veterans. Assisting veterans with academic and career planning as well as VA benefit utilization, with a focus on those enrolling in aviation-related programs

Essential Functions: As defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include any of the following tasks, knowledge, skills, and other characteristics. This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

Duties and Responsibilities: Within the scope of college policies and procedures, this position:
Performs exceptional customer services for students, employees, and the public; responds to inquiries concerning financial aid eligibility; ensures students understand all policies and procedures related to their financial aid records

Processes student financial aid applications according to college and federal guidelines and regulations; performs needed analysis calculations to determine eligibility requirements satisfy all federal, state and institutional laws; coordinates initial award estimates, authorization and certification of student awards or loans; determines award amount adjustments, changes, or corrections as needed

Maintains knowledge of financial aid guidelines and procedures to evaluate and determine student eligibility for financial aid programs, uses professional judgment to approve or deny eligibility in the event of special conditions, or student petitions; calculates repayments, and confirms aid eligibility according to federal verification regulations

Performs outreach to current and future veterans at Ft. Huachuca, through civic organizations and other veteran's organizations throughout the district; educates prospective students on VA benefits and educational opportunities at the college

Prepares and maintains records and files for reporting purposes; compiles data and prepares special or recurring reports for supervisor or other departments as requested

Maintains current knowledge through regular professional development activities and attends and participates in department meetings and serves on college committees as required

Participates in ongoing departmental training with and cross-training activities to ensure an understanding of the colleges programs, curriculum, graduation requirements, policies, and procedures, and resources and services available to students, coordinating with staff in the areas of financial aid, registration and admission, and other enrollment management services

Performs other related duties as assigned

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General Expectations: Employees are expected to accomplish assigned duties in an efficient, effective and competent manner and to strive for improvement and excellence in all work performed. Additionally, employees must understand the comprehensive role of the community college and cooperate and work harmoniously with students, faculty and staff, and the public. Employees will follow all college policies, rules, regulations and guidelines as they relate to this position.

Education and Experience Requirements:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher learning recognized by the US Department of Education

Three years related experience

Preference may be given to individuals with veteran status

An equivalent combination of education and/or experience from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved may be considered.

Knowledge of and ability to follow college policies and procedures

Knowledge of current financial aid principles and techniques

Knowledge of VA benefits or ability to learn

Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines related to assigned work

Knowledge of current technologies and word processing, database, presentation, and spreadsheet software, specifically Microsoft Office applications

Skill maintaining and reconciling financial aid records

Skill in basic math and bookkeeping practices and procedures

Ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing, and to relate to others in a professional, helpful manner

Ability to relate to a diverse population and to maintain composure when faced with difficult situations

Ability to utilize a personal computer and standard office equipment

Ability to multi-task and organize, prioritize, and follow multiple projects and tasks through to completion with an attention to detail

Ability to work independently while contributing to team environment

Ability to analyze problems, identify solutions and take appropriate action, resolve problems using independent judgment and decision-making processes

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, other department staff, students and the public

Ability to work accurately, efficiently, and effectively with a variety of data

Ability to maintain accurate office procedures

Work Environment: Work is primarily performed under general supervision. Incumbent generally performs work in a typical office setting with appropriate climate controls.

Physical Requirements: Essential functions of this position require: lifting, manual dexterity, ability to communicate.

Sedentary Work: Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body; involves sitting majority of time; walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met

Mental Application: Utilizes memory for details, verbal instructions, emotional stability, critical thinking, adaptability and creative problem solving skills are important

Reports to: Director of Financial Aid

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