

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

RECREATION WORKER I

POSITION CODE: 38001
Effective: 12-1-02

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general supervision, carries out a recreational program for residents of a state institution; works with children, adolescents and adults individually and in groups; teaches and instructs in a recreation program of training, treatment and informal education.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Assists in planning and carries out a program of recreational activities in a state institution.
2. Instructs and supervises a variety of recreational activities.
3. Makes careful observations and evaluates individuals reactions and progress; takes notes; keeps necessary records.
4. Assists in the in-service training of new workers and in staff development.
5. Supervises activity aides, affiliate students and volunteers as assigned.
6. Works intensively with special groups and individual patients.
7. Consults with clinical and other professional staff as required.
8. Assumes responsibility for unit in absence of supervisor.
9. Sees that rooms and equipment are kept in good order.
10. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to completion of four years college, with a bachelor's degree in recreation, group work or recreational therapy.

RECREATION WORKER I (Continued)

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires working knowledge of recreation skills.

Requires working knowledge of methods, techniques and purposes of recreation activities.

Requires elementary knowledge of the attitudes, problems and behavior of individuals and groups.

Requires elementary knowledge of the therapeutic and educational aspects of recreation.

Requires elementary knowledge of normal and abnormal behavior.

Requires ability to prepare pertinent records and reports.

Requires ability to stimulate interest of institution residents in recreational activities.

Requires ability to teach and direct recreation activities.

Requires ability to work effectively with individuals and groups.

Requires ability to express ideas effectively, both orally and in writing.

Requires skill in the direction of individual and group activities.

In addition to English verbal and written skills, candidates may be required to translate, speak and write a foreign language at a colloquial skill level. Some positions may require manual communication skills.