

PUBLIC DEFENDER INTERN

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs (entry-level) clerical work in areas such as bookkeeping, inventory control, and statistics. Work involves compiling and tabulating data, checking documents for accuracy, transporting documents, and maintaining files; Works under close supervision with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Produces and proofs correspondence, reports, and other related forms

Reviews completed forms for signatures and proper entries

Provides information to the public by mail or telephone

Assembles, organizes, and tabulates data; may perform data entry and retrieval

Files and maintains forms, records, and reports

Opens and distributes incoming mail and prepares mail-outs; and runs errands as appropriate

May maintain office schedules and appointments

May perform back-up receptionist or telephone switchboard duties

May assist in conducting physical inventory

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Six (6) months of experience with clerical operations; Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of office procedures and of spelling, grammar, punctuation, and arithmetic

Skill in using personal computers and office equipment

Ability to prepare and maintain records, files, and reports

Registration, Certification, or License

May require a valid driver's license

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment
- Maintain mental capacity which permits:
 - making sound decisions and using good judgment
 - demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations

SALARY: Unpaid

DURATION OF INTERN: Six (6) months to one (1) year

SUPERVISED BY: Chief Public Defender, or as assigned

Location: Hidalgo County Public Defender's Office – 100 N. Closner – 5th Floor – Edinburg, Texas.

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