

New York State Department of Civil Service
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

Occ. Code 5903100

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| Recreation Assistant, Grade 11 | 5903100 |
| Recreation Worker, Grade 14 | 5903400 |

Brief Description of Class Series

Positions in this class plan and conduct a wide range of recreational and rehabilitation program and activities, such as sports, games, excursions, and creative arts, for individuals* in facilities and community programs operated by the Office of Mental Health and Office for People With Developmental Disabilities.

*Individual refers to a person who is being treated or cared for, and is used in place of patient, client, or other nomenclature specific to an agency.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Recreation Assistant: appointment level; under the supervision of a Recreation Worker or professional treatment staff, assists in planning and conducting recreational and rehabilitation activities for a group of individuals.

Recreation Worker: full performance level; under the supervision of professional treatment staff, plans, organizes, and conducts recreational and rehabilitation activities for a group of individuals; and may supervise Recreation Assistants.

Related Classes

Recreation Therapists provide a variety of therapeutic and rehabilitative recreation services to individuals to treat, develop, or maintain individuals' physical, mental, and social well-being, and to reduce or eliminate the effects of illness or disability. Incumbents plan, develop, and implement recreation activities and programs, including, but not limited to sports, dance, drama, music, art, and social activities.

Illustrative Tasks

Recreation Assistant

Assists in planning and conducting recreational and rehabilitation activities for a group of individuals.

- Collaborates with treatment team members, community organizations, families, volunteers, and direct care staff to plan recreational and rehabilitation activities consistent with individuals' interests and therapeutic requirements; and facilitates therapeutic recreational programs as prescribed by the treatment team.
- Determines group interests, evaluates available and required resources, and adapts them to meet individuals' needs.
- Teaches or coaches individuals on sports, games, dancing, drama, exercise, and other group activities, and encourages participation.
- Instructs individuals on creative arts and crafts, and assists them with handling equipment and supplies.
- Observes and records individuals' responses to and participation in activities.
- Organizes and maintains rooms, equipment, decorations, supplies, entertainment, and other requirements to conduct activities.
- Reviews individuals' medical records and completes treatment planning documents in accordance with program standards and requirements.

Recreation Worker

Independently performs the tasks and activities of a Recreation Assistant; and may train and perform the full range of supervisory duties over Recreation Assistants.

Minimum Qualifications

Recreation Assistant

Promotion: one year of service as a Direct Support Assistant, Developmental Disabilities Secure Care Treatment Aide 1, Licensed Practical Nurse, Mental Health Therapy Aide, Secure Care Treatment Aide 1, or Teaching Assistant.

Recreation Worker

Promotion: two years of service as a Recreation Assistant.

Note: Classification Standards illustrate the nature, extent, and scope of duties and responsibilities of the classes they describe. Standards cannot and do not include all the work that might be appropriately performed by a class. The minimum qualifications above are those which were required for appointment at the time the Classification Standard was written. Please contact the Division of Staffing Services for current information on minimum qualification requirements for appointment or examination.

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