

Position: Payroll Technician	Salary Grade: 17
Department: Administrative Services	FLSA: Non-exempt

Summary

Ensures the timely preparation and maintenance of payrolls for administration, faculty, and support staff. Maintains records and calculates, prepares, and submits mandated reports related to payroll. Performs advanced technical and clerical accounting and financial record keeping activities involving the preparation, processing, and maintenance of the payroll. Maintains accounts involving posting, balancing, and transferring of payroll data to general ledger.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Coordinates and processes all College payrolls including computation and posting of employee time, subtraction of appropriate deductions and preparation of required reports.
- Assures payroll timelines are met. Creates and maintains payroll controls. Assures proper procedures, policies, rules and regulations are applied to payroll activities. Checks payrolls for compliance with rules, regulations and policies.
- Prepares regular and variable payrolls for administrative, academic, classified and student personnel; prepares retirement reports. Computes payroll deductions including those for retirement, union dues, tax sheltered annuities, credit union, withholding taxes and insurance.
- Confers with data processing and accounting personnel at the County Office of Education concerning payroll programs and procedures. Reconciles and prepares College payroll and remits to the County Office of Education on a monthly basis.
- Interprets and explains payroll policies, laws, regulations, and contractual requirements to staff and external reporting agencies.
- Updates regular and supplemental payrolls adding new employees and calculating proper deductions; maintains current payroll records for all employees.
- Administers accounts such as tax-deferred annuities, IRS 125 Plan, and retirement including alternative retirement systems. Advises Administration and staff of tax law, contract, and procedural changes.
- Ensures accurate reporting of federal, state, and special payroll taxes and fund contributions. Prepares retirement and withdrawal forms and reports for both academic and classified pay systems.

- Ensures that payroll records are up-to-date and include the necessary job and biographical information for accurate group benefit and retirement plan coverage and deductions. Oversees and posts changes to College payroll and accounting records. Prepares annual total compensation statements for each employee showing income, benefits, and deductions.
- Analyzes and processes accounts payable and receivable documents relating to payroll, insurance, and other benefits.
- Provides and verifies information for annual absence and sick leave reports. Computes accrued liability for financial statements and audits.
- Provides information to employees concerning salaries, deductions and insurance rates and general payroll policies.
- Prepares the salary and benefit budget for the College. Encumbers salary and benefit amounts. Calculates and prepares journal entries.
- Verifies and processes payments to insurance companies and credit unions and prepares periodic reports of disbursements.
- Coordinates and participates in activities connected with the development and maintenance of automated payroll systems using relational databases.
- Selects, schedules, trains, and reviews the work of assigned student workers.
- Performs other duties as assigned that support the overall objective of the position.

Qualifications

- **Knowledge and Skills**

The position requires a thorough knowledge of the laws, regulations, and procedures that govern payroll and payroll processing. Requires a working knowledge of general ledger record keeping. Requires sufficient human relations skills to convey personal and technical information to all levels of staff. Requires an in-depth technical knowledge of the College's automated payroll system, and of integrated/automated payroll systems in general. Requires in-depth knowledge of labor and other contracts governing salaries and benefits. Requires in-depth understanding of the College's HRIS. Requires in-depth knowledge of educational accounting practices, including College policies and procedures. Requires sufficient math skill to perform a variety of math and accounting transactions. Requires sufficient reading and language skill to document transactions and prepare reports. Requires sufficient human relations skill to convey technical concepts to others and resolve conflicts.

- **Abilities**

Requires the ability to independently perform all aspects of the position with minimal direction. Must be able to prepare clear, complete and concise financial records and analyze accounting data and prepare financial statements pertaining to the area of specialization. Requires the ability to reconcile payroll to general ledger. Requires the ability to conduct technical research, complete complex arithmetic computations and prepare reports. Requires the ability to deal with confidential and sensitive information in compliance with established laws, rules, regulations, and procedures. Requires the ability to analyze situations and implement effective solutions. May require the ability to perform work assignments at all College locations.

- **Physical Abilities**

Requires sufficient hand-eye coordination to use a keyboard for routine typing, 10-key, and data entry, plus arm/hand movements to retrieve work materials and operate a variety of general office equipment. Requires visual acuity to recognize alphanumeric data. Requires auditory ability to carry on conversations in person and over the phone.

- **Education and Experience**

The position requires the equivalent in education and experience to an Associates Degree in general business or accounting, plus three years of experience in payroll processing and audit. Additional experience may substitute for education.

- **Licenses and Certificates**

May require a valid driver's license.

- **Working Conditions**

Work is performed indoors where minimal safety considerations exist.

This job/class description, describes the general nature of the work performed, representative duties as well as the typical qualifications needed for acceptable performance. It is not intended to be a complete list of all responsibilities, duties, work steps, and skills required of the job.

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