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|  | **JOB DESCRIPTION** |
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**JOB TITLE:** Associate Director, Financial Aid

**DEPARTMENT:** Financial Aid **FLSA:** Exempt

**LOCATION:** Union Campus **LEVEL:** 203

**REPORTS TO:** Director, Financial Aid **DATE:** 04/29/2015

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Responsible for assisting in the administration of all federal, state, and college student financial aid programs, providing leadership in financial aid operations and advising financial aid staff, coordinating the student work study program and providing service to all financial aid applicants and recipients.

**EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, and LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS:** *(A comparable amount of training, education or experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.)* Completion of bachelor's degree; One year related experience; prior financial aid experience is essential.

**ESSENTIAL TASKS:** *Employee must be able to perform the following essential functions to the satisfaction of the employee’s supervisor.*

* Provide one-on-one and group loan counseling; including interviewing students, exit counseling and follow-up communication.
* Counsel and advise students and parents regarding financial aid programs and applications procedures and assist with the application proves.
* Provide guidance to financial aid applicants and loan recipients concerning financial planning, resources
* Communicate effectively in a professional, tactful and courteous manner with students, employees, faculty, and the general public.
* Coordinate the Student Loan program and perform all aspects of loan approval notifying the Financial Services office weekly of loan disbursements; verifying that all funds are received and resolving any rejects as they occur.
* Coordinate the Work/Study program assisting the committee with the development of the budget, maintaining appropriate job descriptions, posting, applicant files, calculating awards, monitoring hours worked to insure awarded amounts are not exceeded
* Review students' application materials for compliance with various forms of federal, state, and institutional assistance program eligibility requirements and make award decisions.
* Coordinate the loan default prevention program, encouraging borrowers to make arrangements for repayment, placing holds on accounts as necessary.
* Present financial aid orientation sessions at the main campus and extension centers as well as high schools and college fairs.
* Provide Financial Aid services to College satellite sites.
* Assist in establishing financial aid operating guidelines for determining eligibility and allocating resources and recommending process changes/improvement.
* Assist Director with annual reporting requirements.
* Assist Director with Return of Title IV calculations.
* Manage daily operations of the Financial Aid office including supervision in the absence of the Director.
* Attend meetings and participate in committees, as assigned, and attend training necessary to stay abreast of regulations concerning financial aid.
* Maintain communication with all divisions of the college, appropriate federal and state agencies, and lending institutions.
* Perform assigned responsibilities, duties, and tasks according to established practices, procedures, techniques, and standards in a safe manner and with minimal supervision.
* Communicate effectively in a professional, tactful and courteous manner with students, employees, faculty and the general public.
* Ensure that all activities are conducted within the established guidelines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
* Perform assigned responsibilities, duties, and tasks according to established practices, procedures, techniques, and standards in a safe manner and with minimal supervision.

**ADDITIONAL DUTIES:**

* Oversee/troubleshoot the document imaging service in the office.
* Oversee student worker positions within the office (hire, terminate, train, etc.).
* Perform professional judgments and R2T4's in absence of the Director; cross-trained to perform verification, ISIR pull-ins, and able to provide all eligibility info on all assistance programs.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, and ABILITIES:**

**College:** Knowledge of college and department policies, procedures, and practices with the ability to answer work related questions; and/or interpret and apply these guidelines correctly in various situations; ability to establish and maintain positive working relationships with other employees at all levels and with diverse student populations; ability to manage interpersonal conflict situations requiring tact, diplomacy and discretion; ability to plan, organize and implement assigned responsibilities and to work well under pressure to meet established deadlines; ability to handle confidential matters judiciously

**Department:** Knowledge of department policies, procedures, and practices with the ability to answer work related questions; and/or interpret and apply these guidelines correctly in various situations; knowledge of general office procedures and filing systems; knowledge of basic accounting procedures and computer skills; knowledge of federal and state financial aid programs and guidelines; effective organizational and management skills; ability to adapt quickly to changes in rules and regulations and stay within compliance.

**LEADERSHIP and COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** Excellent oral and written communication skills to convey ideas, facts, and information effectively and accurately to students, staff, faculty, and the general public; ability to manage interpersonal conflict situations requiring tact, diplomacy and discretion; ability to communicate effectively verbally and written to work with a diverse workforce and student population to prioritize and delegate projects, exchange ideas, information and opinions effectively with others to formulate policies and programs and/or arrive at decisions, conclusions or solutions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with faculty, staff, other departments, students, and the public; ability to interact effectively with diverse student populations and a wide variety of co-workers; well-developed public speaking and presentation skills; effective telephone skills; comply and enforce policies, procedures, and instructions.

**DECISION-MAKING and ANALYTICAL SKILLS:** Apply principles of logical thinking to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions; ability to use independent judgment and discretion; may be responsible for actions of others requiring development of procedures and constant decisions affecting subordinate workers, students, customers, clients, or others in the general public.

**EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE:** Utilizecurrent College and/or department information technology and standard office equipment.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT:** *The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.*

**Environment:** Work is performed primarily in a standard office setting with frequent interruptions and distractions; extended periods of time viewing computer monitor. The employee may be required to work or meet in the evenings and/or on weekends. The employee may be required to travel locally to participate in meetings, conferences, and other activities related to the operations of the colleges.

**Physical:** Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in an office setting; to stand or sit for prolonged periods of time; to lift, carry, push, and/or pull up to 10 lbs; to operate office equipment requiring repetitive hand movement and fine coordination including use of a computer keyboard; and to verbally communicate to exchange information.

**Vision:** See in the normal visual range with or without correction.

**POSITIONS SUPERVISED:** None

**Signatures**

I have read and reviewed the above job description with my immediate supervisor.

Employee Signature/Date Supervisor Signature/Date

**DISCLAIMER:** *This job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities and qualification required of employees assigned to the job.*

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