JOB VACANCY NOTICE

Opening Date: 12/21/2016  Closing Date: 1/4/2017
Posting Number: 809142JM  Number of Vacancies: 1  % Work: 100%
Position Title: Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor I-IV
Salary: $2,909.83 - $6,149 per month
Work Location: San Antonio: 12000 Network Bldg, San Antonio, TX, 78249
Salary Group: B16 - B20  Class: 5062-5065
Refer To: 12000 Network Bldg. B Ste 210  Telephone:

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Job Summary:
The mission of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is to promote and support a workforce system that creates value and offers employers, individuals and communities the opportunity to achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) I-IV performs routine to advanced vocational rehabilitation work in support of the mission, goals and values of the Texas Workforce Commission. Applies critical thinking skills and sound decision making in performance of routine rehabilitation work in the Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. This program assists eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for, retain, obtain and/or advance in competitive, integrated employment and includes assisting students with disabilities to transition successfully from high school to postsecondary education and employment.

This position will be located 12000 Network Blvd, Suite 210, San Antonio, Texas 78249.

The ideal candidate will perform work using the applicable policy, guidance, and the electronic case management system. The VRC I-IV is hired by the Area Manager (AM) with the approval of the Regional Director (RD), and works independently, with moderate to minimal supervision by the AM.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor I-IV:
- Assists eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for, retain, obtain and/or advance in competitive, integrated employment and includes assisting students with disabilities to transition successfully from high school to postsecondary education and employment.
- Develops and maintains relations with community referral sources, businesses, employers and schools as applicable.
- Collects and analyzes all information necessary to make an accurate eligibility decision (e.g. medical, psychological, school records, employment records, etc.)
- Assists the consumer in choosing an appropriate employment by analyzing information to determine the consumer’s strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities and interests, and matching that information to the current job market, as appropriate.
- Works collaboratively with the consumer to develop a plan of services designed to achieve the consumer’s identified employment goals.
- Ensures timely, cost-effective provision of services and consumer progress toward achievement of their employment goal.
- Develops and implements a process leading to successful job placement.
- Applies best value purchasing practices and uses available comparable benefits and services to ensure effective use of public funds.
- Performs other duties as assigned and required to meet the mission and goals of the department and division.

This position involves 15%-30% travel, and method of transportation is the responsibility of employee. Counselors are required to travel to reach their assigned consumers on a regular basis. Thus, travel is required for this position.

Preferred Qualifications: A Master’s degree with a major in Rehabilitation accredited college or university plus Counseling OR a Master’s degree in counseling or related degrees, Education, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology or Human Services from an accredited college or university plus one year of related work experience. A current Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certificate or current Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credential. If selected, applicants without CRC or LPC credentials will be required to meet the agency’s educational requirements within the time frame established upon employment.

Minimum Qualifications: Other Master’s degree plus two (2) years related work experience, OR Bachelor’s degree with a major in vocational rehabilitation from an one (1) year related work experience; OR Bachelor’s degree with major in Counseling, Education, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, or Public Health from an accredited college or university plus two (2) years related work experience; OR Other Bachelor’s degree plus three (3) years related work experience.

Copy of official transcripts, certifications and/or credentials will be requested at the time of interview.

This is a career ladder position, and depending on required qualifications and experience, may be filled at any level from a VRC I to VRC IV. Thus, the salary range for this position is $2,909.83-$6,149.00 per month.
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Veterans: Use your military skills to qualify for this position or other jobs! Go to www.texasskillstowork.com to translate your military work experience and training courses into civilian job terms, qualifications and skill sets. Also, you can compare this position to military occupations (MOS) at the Texas State Auditor's Office by pasting this link into your browser: http://www.hr.sao.texas.gov/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_SocialServices.pdf

HOW TO APPLY:
To apply for TWC jobs, please forward a completed State of Texas Application for Employment using ONE of the following ways stated below. Please do not submit more than one application for each posting. Apply ONE of the three ways listed below:
1. Submit the application online through WorkinTexas.com (PREFERRED);
2. Fax the application to 512-463-2832; or 3 Mail the application to Texas Workforce Commission, Human Resources Department, 101 E. 15th St., Room 230, Austin, TX 78778-0001. This is a security sensitive position. A criminal background investigation will be conducted on the final candidates for the job. Selectee must provide proof of identity and eligibility to work in the United States. Please indicate Job Posting Number on Application. The Texas Workforce Commission uses E-Verify to confirm the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees. To learn more about E-Verify, including your rights and responsibilities, please visit www.dhs.gov/E-Verify.