# PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT \* Or PUBLICITY ASSISTANT \*

#### **Function of Job**:

Under general supervision of designated supervisor, to assist in coordinating total publicity, public relations, marketing, promotional and/or customer relations programs.

### **Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities:**

- 1. Provide accurate, engaging information for publications, the press, state and local organizations, and other promotional outlets.
- 2. Collect, edit and/or write program information, newsletters, web pages, bulletins, press releases and other communications from outside sources and own research.
- 3. Working with appropriate administrator, design and follow through of general promotional campaigns/programs and related marketing functions, as assigned.
- 4. Accompany administrator/management and/or other staff members to meeting or conferences to acquire information on planned or developing programs, and participate in staff meeting to coordinate public relations functions.
- 5. Serve as information source to local, regional and national groups/organizations and/or the press through personal and/or telephone contacts and attendance at off-campus meetings to make presentations if necessary.
- 6. Gather pertinent marketing information through appropriate marketing research techniques and for development of favorable image through printed and electronic promotional materials and efforts.
- 7. Design and maintain department website, including adding new pages and implementing new web technologies.
- 8. Participate in maintenance of program information files to assure that accurate up-to-date information is readily available to staff.
- 9. Supervise servicing of requests for materials or information and participate in development and maintenance of special interest mailing lists.
- 10. Assist appropriate administrator in planning, writing, illustration, and layout of publications and be able to assume responsibility for same in absence of administrator.
- 11. Assist in implementing customer relations programs, as assigned, to maintain a high degree of communication between college/university and various publics.
- 12. Obtain information concerning programs effectiveness through telephone surveys, questionnaires, opinion polls and other related means.
- 13. May be required to conduct planned or unplanned tours of the facility and to speak knowledgeable about the total operation.
- 14. Perform other related duties as assigned.

#### **Minimum Acceptable Qualifications:**

- 1. Associate's degree and three years of experience in public relations, marketing, publicity or related field, or Bachelor's degree and one year of experience.
- 2. Editorial and writing ability.

- 3. Computer skills, experience with website development, publications management and/or desktop publishing as required by department.
- 4. Oral and written communication skills.

# Additional Desirable Qualifications:

- 1. College major in Creative Writing or Journalism.
- 2. Artistic ability or knowledge of printing.
- 3. Marketing and promotional skills.

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