

CLASSIFICATION: PROBATION-PAROLE OFFICER I

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BASIC PURPOSE: To monitor the behavior and activities of probationers and parolees according to Court sentencing orders and Parole Board requirements.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides supervision and guidance to probationers and parolees and inmates to ensure compliance with Court and Parole Board orders.
- Conducts probation and parole investigations pertaining to assigned cases and makes recommendations to the Court and Parole Board concerning the disposition of investigated cases.
- Prepares a variety of reports, including, but not limited to, pre-sentence, pre-parole, and probation and parole violations reports.
- Implements and enforces orders of the Court and Parole Board.
- Arrests parole and probation violators and prepares case information for prosecution.
- Transports parole and probation offenders to and from custodial facilities.
- Records data on offenders in order to analyze progress in compliance with Court orders and Parole Board orders.
- Attends Court hearings and, when required, appears before the Parole Board in order to provide information and/or recommendations regarding assigned cases.

DISTINGUISHING FACTORS:

Skill: Requires skill in developing formats and procedures for special applications OR in investigating and reviewing the use of equipment and data for a specialized function.

Knowledge: Requires logical or scientific understanding to analyze problems of a specialized or professional nature in a particular field.

Impact: Requires responsibility for contributing to immediate, ongoing agency objectives by facilitating the direct provision of services to the public or other state agencies. Errors at this level result in inaccurate reports or invalid test results and require significant investment of time and resources to detect.

Supervision: Requires partial supervision of other employees doing work which is related or similar to the supervisor, including assigning job duties, providing training, giving instructions and checking work.

Working Conditions: Requires performing regular job functions in an adverse working environment containing a combination of disagreeable elements which impact significantly upon the employee's capacity for completing work assignments. This level includes work-related accidents or assault.

Physical Demands: Requires light work, including continuous walking or operating simple equipment for extended periods of time as well as occasional strenuous activities such as reaching or bending.

Communication: Requires summarizing data, preparing reports and making recommendations based on findings which contribute to solving problems and achieving work objectives. This level also requires presenting information for use by administrative-level managers in making decisions.

Complexity: Requires coordinating a combination of diverse job functions in order to integrate professional and technical agency goals. This level also requires considerable judgment to implement a sequence of operations or actions.

Independent Action: Requires a range of choice in applying a number of technical or administrative policies under general direction and in making routine decisions or in recommending modifications in work procedures for approval by supervisor.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university with major study in psychology, sociology, social services, education, behavioral science, criminal justice or related field. Each additional year of approved formal education may be substituted for one year of required work experience.

Experience: Three years' experience in probation, parole, social welfare, law enforcement, corrections or related work.

License/Certification: Valid New Hampshire driver's license and access to transportation with liability insurance as required by state law.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age upon appointment.
2. For appointment consideration, the Department's selection process requires that candidates successfully participate in a public safety examination. Candidates must also pass a job-related physical agility test designed to measure the ability to perform physically demanding tasks. This test will consist of the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research Standards, including 1 ½ mile run, sit up, pushups, and bench press.
3. Candidates receiving conditional offers of employment must pass background checks, prescribed medical examination, polygraph examinations and drug testing.
4. Candidates must be willing to accept employment at any one of the Division of Field Services District Office locations.
5. Must have residence telephone.
6. Must obtain Probation/Parole Officer certification through Police Standards and Training Council during the probationary period and maintain certification by meeting annual training requirements.

RECOMMENDED WORK TRAITS: Knowledge of sociology, anti-social and human behavior and criminal trends. Knowledge of methods, practices and procedures relative to case management and behavior change and probation and parole investigations. Knowledge of investigatory methods, practices and procedures and ability to submit clear, concise written reports. Knowledge of rules of evidence, criminal statutes, court practices and procedures. Knowledge of abusable substances and substance abusers. Ability to work effectively with problematic individuals and make independent decisions in the field relative to client adjustment. Ability to analyze and interpret information gathered. Ability to recognize anti-social behavior and to analyze and identify motivating factors underlying criminal behavior for the purpose of developing corrective action. Ability to manage offenders on an unbiased professional basis. Ability to demonstrate and perform as a positive role model. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other law enforcement agencies, court officials, Board of Parole, collateral agencies and the general public. Must be willing to maintain appearance appropriate to assigned duties and responsibilities as determined by the agency appointing authority.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT: This class specification is descriptive of general duties and is not intended to list every specific function of this class title.