

UPWARD MOBILITY PROGRAM

Annotated Guide

Target Title: Corrections Leisure Activities Specialist I

Position Title Code: 09811

Salary Grade: RC-062-15

Credential or Certificate: Credential

User Agency: Corrections, Juvenile Justice

Under direct supervision, this entry level professional position provides leisure time activities for residents in a State of Illinois adult or juvenile correctional facility. The Specialist I assist in the planning, coordinating and instructing of leisure activities to residents individually or in groups. They provide instruction in skills and techniques, officiate, monitor and supervise residents engaged in leisure activities including sports and physical fitness, cultural arts, crafts, games, social organizations and hobbies. They prepare and maintain resident participation records, equipment, and supplies in leisure time areas.

These positions are utilized statewide within correctional facilities in Brown, Christian, Clinton, Cook, Crawford, DuPage, Fayette, Fulton, Henry, Jefferson, Jersey, Johnson, Kane, Knox, LaSalle, Lawrence, Lee, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Randolph, Rock Island, Saline, St. Clair, Vermilion, and Will counties.

Minimum Training and Experience

UMP will only pay for a Bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation, Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Dance Therapy, Drama Therapy, Leisure Studies or Recreation with specialization in Recreational Therapy. The coursework must include successful completion of an approved internship, field work, or practicum.

Requires equivalency to completion of a Bachelor's degree in Leisure Studies, Recreation, Physical Education, Art Education, Fine Arts, Studio Arts, Graphics, Color and Design, Therapeutic Recreation, Music, Theater, or Speech and Communications.

Grading Guide

Meeting the educational requirements listed on this annotated guide will entitle the participant to be evaluated as QUALIFIED which is equal to a "B" grade.

Exceeding the minimum educational requirements by at least one-year of full-time directly related professional experience providing leisure activity recreation in an institution or community setting, e.g. physical education, occupational/industrial therapy, park district, school, community Mental Health Center, etc. will generally entitle the participant to be evaluated with an "A" grade.