

WORD PROCESSOR

Nature of Work

Under close supervision, at the full performance level, performs skilled operation of word processing equipment such as a memory typewriter, a personal computer, or other electronic keyboard to produce draft and final copies of a variety of typed materials such as letters, memos, reports, newsletters, brochures, articles, functional statements, legal motions, briefs, contracts, etc. This class is limited to those positions where the primary function is the operation of word processing equipment capable of data storage, formal coding, and/or text editing in a production setting requiring advanced typing skills. It is not intended for use in general office settings where workers use word processing equipment in lieu of typewriters in the course of daily clerical support. Performs related work as required.

Examples of Work

Creates and sorts numerical and/or alphabetic data files.

Chooses form and format for routine correspondence and reports; follows given instructions for new or more complex tasks; may suggest style of format to users.

Refers to equipment manuals to determine methods for operating equipment and coding; refers to departmental manuals for commonly used formats.

Inserts and deletes information; moves material from document to document; merges items; searches for spelling errors; searches and replaces items globally.

Stores information on disk or other magnetic storage medium; retrieves information from storage medium for revision or printing.

Specifies and executes printer control commands such as single or double space, special margins last line instructions, etc.

Proofreads printed materials to ensure accuracy and proper grammar, corrects errors, and reprints the copy.

Deletes obsolete documents from storage.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Knowledge of standard office procedures and practices.

Skills in using the text editing functions of the word processing equipment.

Ability to type accurately and rapidly.

Ability to edit documents without altering the intended legal meaning.

Ability to read equipment and departmental manuals and implement their instructions.

Minimum Qualifications

Training:

Education equivalent to graduation from a standard high school or the equivalent.

Experience:

One year of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience in an office clerical position requiring word processing.

Substitution:

Completion of formalized training in word processing from a business or vocational school may substitute through an established formula for six months of the required experience.