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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Do you have an interest in helping young people achieve their full potential? Do you think you could make a difference in the lives of young people if you only had more time to work with them outside the normal work schedule associated with traditional urban environments? Would you like to be challenged by counseling young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with special needs in a residential setting? If so, a career as a Guidance Counselor with the Forest Service Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Program may be of interest to you.

The Work Environment

Our nineteen Forest Service Job Corps Centers are scattered from the Pacific coast to the Appalachian mountains, in some of the most scenic and picturesque places in the Nation. All our Centers are located on our spectacular National Forests.

Operating on the Job

- You will serve as professional Guidance Counselor, providing a full range of general educational and career development counseling to Job Corps students. You will adapt standard techniques, methods, and approaches to fit the individual vocational and educational need.
- You will provide individualized interviews and counseling to aid students in making career decisions, to help them acquire a high school diploma or equivalent, and to ensure they develop realistic career goals.
- You will monitor progress of students to ensure they are progressing in their individualized academic and vocational programs consistent with their career goals.
- You will engage in outreach efforts to reach those not motivated to seek voluntary counseling.

Career Paths and Requirements

Job Corps Counselors may be hired at several different grade levels. Recent college graduates may be hired at the GS-5 or GS-7 grade level. Others with advanced degrees and experience may be hired at higher-grade levels, and there is substantial opportunity for advancement! To begin a career as a Guidance Counselor in the Forest Service Job Corps Program, you must meet the following requirements:

Have a degree in guidance counseling from an accredited university, supplemented by a college or university-sponsored practicum in counseling. At least 24-semester hours must be in the areas of Testing and Measurement, Adult Education, Educational Program Administration, Curriculum Development or Design, Teaching Methods, Guidance Counseling, Career Planning, and/or Occupational Information.



These qualification requirements have been summarized for convenience. Full details are available at www.USAJobs.gov or the www.opm.gov subject index under "Qualifications."

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