



Working for the Great Outdoors

SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT



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 traditional work schedule? Would you like to be challenged by aiding young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with special needs in a residential setting? If so, a career as a social services assistant 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 provide a full range of advice and counsel on positive social skills or educational and career development goals to Job Corps students. You will assist individual students in developing a personal career development plan and help to use it in developing a career. You will work with staff members to provide personalized learning opportunities that emphasize employability skills.
- You will work with students and staff to ensure a safe and secure living environment. You will strive to create a residential environment where student input and feedback is encouraged and valued.
- You will maintain an individual record for each student that contains basic identifying information, emergency contacts and other required information. You will follow up on the progress and performance of students in their assigned dormitory.
- You will engage in outreach efforts to reach those not motivated to seek voluntary counseling.

Career Paths and Requirements

Social service assistants may be hired at several different grade levels. Recent college graduates may be hired at the GS-5 or GS-6 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 social service assistant in the Forest Service Job Corps Program, you must meet the following requirements:

At the GS-5 level, the candidate must have completed a full 4 year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree that (a) included at least 24 semester hours in any combination of subjects directly related to the work of the position; (b) included a major in social behavior, human behavior, or health care or; (c) was supplemented by specialized experience. Supplementary experience may be gained, for example, in part-time or summer employment, in volunteer social welfare or recreation programs, or in community organizations.



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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