

Director of Human Resources
District Office
Kern Community College District
JOB DESCRIPTION

Definition

Under administrative direction of the Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, plans, directs, manages, supervises, and oversees the daily activities and operations of the College's Human Resources functions including recruitment and employment, classification and compensation, performance management, training, HRIS, and employee relations; coordinates assigned activities with other departments, divisions, and outside agencies; and provides highly responsible and complex administrative support to the Vice Chancellor, Human Resources. The Director is responsible for the day-to-day administration and delivery of Human Resources services at the college, operating within District-established policies, procedures, and strategic direction. This position works in close coordination with District Human Resources to ensure consistent application of laws, regulations, and collective bargaining agreements across the District. This position functions within a centralized Human Resources model in which District Human Resources provides overall leadership, policy direction, and functional guidance, while the Director ensures effective local implementation, service delivery, and operational oversight at the college.

Examples of Duties

1. Direct and oversee the day-to-day delivery of Human Resources services and operations at the College in alignment with District policies, procedures, and functional guidance; coordinates the day-to-day operations of Human Resources functions including recruitment and selection, equal employment opportunity and diversity compliance and administration, ADA compliance, classification and compensation, personnel processing and recordkeeping, performance management and recognition, training, HRIS, and employee relations and contract administration.
2. Participate in the development and implementation of goals, objectives, policies, and priorities for assigned areas and programs in coordination with District Human Resources; recommend and administer policies and procedures.
3. Monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery methods and procedures; recommend appropriate service and staffing levels; allocate resources accordingly.
4. Assist in the coordination of workplace investigations and ensure appropriate documentation and follow-up actions in collaboration with District Human Resources.
5. Participate in workforce planning and organizational development efforts including staffing analysis, succession planning, and leadership development initiatives.
6. Ensure campus compliance with applicable federal and state employment laws, Education Code, Title 5 regulations, District policies, and collective bargaining agreements.

Examples of Duties Continued

7. Ensure consistency and standardization of Human Resources practices across the District by adhering to established procedures, participating in Districtwide HR coordination efforts, and implementing systemwide initiatives at the college.
8. Assess and monitor workload, administrative and support systems, and internal reporting relationships; identify opportunities for improvement; direct and implement changes.
9. Plan, direct, coordinate, and review the work plan for assigned functions and staff; assign work activities, projects, and programs; review and evaluate work products, methods, and procedures; meet with staff to identify and resolve problems.
10. Select, train, motivate, and evaluate assigned personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; work with employees to correct deficiencies; implement discipline and termination procedures.
11. Participate in the development and administration of the Human Resources annual budget; participate in the forecast of funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials, and supplies; monitor and approve expenditures; implement adjustments as appropriate and necessary.
12. Provide leadership and oversee employee data collection, analysis; and reporting; supervise the input of data to ensure its integrity and accuracy; ensure effective and efficient administration of electronic application and database systems; evaluate and assess the District's Human Resources Information System (HRIS).
13. In coordination with the Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, develop and present innovative and responsive labor negotiation proposals relating to classified and faculty collective bargaining.
14. Promote and implement the District's Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Plans in the administration of human resources policies, procedures, services, and programs including recruitment and selection and compliance with ADA and FMLA.
15. Direct Human Resources operational functions and activities related to academic employees, including minimum qualifications for faculty and administrative staff, faculty salary step placements, faculty tenure review process, faculty contracts, faculty equivalency requirements, faculty seniority, and other issues as required.
16. Participate in classification reviews for classified and supervisory positions including classification studies, salary survey analysis, and the development of compensation and salary placement recommendations.
17. Participate in the administration of employee leaves of absence programs; ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations as well as District Board policies and administrative regulations; oversee the maintenance of databases including FMLA and family illness database.

Examples of Duties Continued

18. Participate in the participatory governance system; collaborate and provide guidance to campus administrators and supervisors on a variety of institutional issues including employee relations, human resources administration, union relations, new employee programs, collective bargaining agreements, and related human resources topics.
19. Promote a work culture that values diversity and demonstrates the delivery of exemplary customer service, innovation, and quality services to employees and the community.
20. Establish and maintain strong, cooperative, and effective working relationships with faculty, staff, students, and community partnerships.
21. Provide responsible staff assistance to the Vice Chancellor, Human Resources; conduct a variety of organizational studies, investigations, and operational studies; recommend modifications to human resources programs, policies, and procedures as appropriate; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence including reports and agenda items for the Kern Community College District's Board of Trustees.
22. Serve as the primary liaison between the college and District Human Resources, ensuring clear communication, alignment of practices, and consistent interpretation and application of policies, procedures, and collective bargaining agreements. Provide accurate and consistent application of Education Code and Title 5 human resources requirements across the District.
23. Serve as staff on a variety of committees; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.
24. Attend and participate in professional group meetings; maintain awareness of new trends and developments in the field of human resources; incorporate new developments as appropriate.
25. Respond to and resolve difficult and sensitive inquiries and complaints.
26. Perform related duties as required.

Minimum Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in human resources management, personnel administration, business or public administration, industrial/labor relation, or a related field. A master's degree is highly desirable.
- Five (5) years of recent, progressively responsible professional human resources experience, including experience in areas such as recruitment, classification and compensation, employee/labor relations, compliance, or HRIS, including at least two (2) years in a supervisory or lead capacity.

Minimum Qualifications Continued

- Demonstrated sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, and disability backgrounds of community college students and employees.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Experience in a California community college or public sector, unionized environment
- Demonstrated experience advising executive leadership on complex employee and labor relations matters
- Experience interpreting and applying Education Code, Title 5, and collective bargaining agreements
Experience leading or supporting workplace investigations and disciplinary processes
Experience in organizational development, workforce planning, or change management initiatives
Experience working in a multi-site or decentralized organizational structure

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of:

- Operations, services, and activities of a comprehensive human resources program.
- Principles, policies, and practices of human resources management including recruitment and selection, classification and compensation, employee/labor relations, and employee and organizational development.
- Title VII and Title IX and American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Negotiation principles and practices.
- Methods and techniques of collective bargaining and labor relations in the public sector.
- Principles and applications of recruitment and equal employment opportunity.
- Operational characteristics of human resource information systems.
- Principles and practices of program development and administration.
- Principles and practices of budget preparation and administration.
- Principles of supervision, training, and performance evaluation.
- Pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations relating to personnel management in a public agency including the California Education Code.
- Leadership, team building, motivation, and conflict resolution principles.

Knowledge and Abilities Continued

Ability to:

- Oversee and participate in the management of a human resources program at an assigned college or within the District Human Resources Office.
- Investigate complaints and make appropriate recommendations.
- Participate in collective bargaining negotiations and contract administration.
- Interpret and apply provisions of Federal laws, Education Code, Government Code, Title V, Title IX, and other federal and state regulations as related to the responsibilities of the position.
- Oversee, direct, and coordinate the work of assigned staff.
- Select, supervise, train, and evaluate staff.
- Participate in the development and administration of goals, objectives, and procedures for assigned area.
- Formulate and conduct presentations to employees, supervisors, and managers.
- Participate in the preparation and administration of department budget.
- Analyze and assess programs, policies, and operational needs and make appropriate adjustments.
- Prepare and administer large and complex budgets.
- Gather and analyze data and situations and make appropriate decisions.
- Prepare and present comprehensive, concise, and clear oral and written reports.
- Provide leadership in the administration of the Human Resources Information System.
- Delegate authority and responsibility.
- Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions, and implement recommendations in support of goals.
- Research, analyze, and evaluate new service delivery methods and techniques.
- Represent the college in a professional manner.
- Establish and maintain collaborative and effective working relationships with a variety of college staff and community partners.
- Demonstrate a sensitivity to, and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds of community college students and personnel, including those with physical or learning disabilities.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Working Conditions

Environment: Office

Physical Demands: Incorporated within one (1) or more of the previously mentioned essential functions of this job description are essential physical requirements. The ratings in the chart below indicate the percentage of time spent on each of the essential physical requirements.

Seldom—Less than 25 percent = 1

Often—51-75 percent = 3

Occasional—25-50 percent = 2
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Very Frequent—76 percent and above =

Ratings	Essential Physical Requirements
3	Ability to work at a desk, conference table or in meetings of various configurations.
1	Ability to stand for extended periods of time.
4	Ability to sit for extended periods of time.
4	Ability to see for purposes of reading printed matter.
4	Ability to hear and understand speech at normal levels.
3	Ability to communicate so others will be able to clearly understand a normal conversation.
1 or 2	Ability to lift 10 pounds.
1 or 2	Ability to carry 10 pounds.
4	Ability to operate office equipment.

Status/Rationale

This is a classified administrator position.

Signatures/Approval

(Employee's Signature)

(Date)

(Supervisor's Signature)

(Date)

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