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# **BENEFITS MANAGER**

#### Function of Job

Employees in this class work under administrative review and are responsible for the management, coordination, and supervision of the activities in a campus-wide benefits office providing services to employees, annuitants, survivors, and dependents.

# Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

- 1. plans, organizes, directs, and controls benefits services and programs for employees, annuitants, survivors, and dependents
- 2. assumes responsibility and accountability for accurate benefit enrollment records, associated voluntary payroll deductions, and medical claims payments in cases where the campus serves as a third party administrator
- 3. develops department budget and exercise control of expenditures of state and auxiliary funds allocated to or developed by the unit
- 4. coordinates operational activities with other campus departments and outside agencies (such as the State Department of Central Management Services) as required for efficient and effective operation
- 5. develops and communicates benefits information to employees, annuitants, survivors, and dependents, using both written material and group presentations
- 6. establishes departmental staff training requirements and is responsible for the supervision of assigned personnel
- 7. directs development of and/or improvements to management information, control, and unit operating systems
- 8. establishes policies and procedures to maintain or improve benefit services to employees, annuitants, survivors, and dependents
- 9. reviews and advises campus administrators of legislation and state or federal policies and procedures affecting benefits
- 10. authorizes and directs payments of premiums and directs the preparation of reports of insured members for state agencies and insurance carriers
- 11. performs other related duties as assigned

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### MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE QUALIFICATIONS

### CREDENTIALS TO BE VERIFIED BY PLACEMENT OFFICER

- 1. Any one or any combination that equals 3 years (36 months) from the categories below:
  - (a) credit for college training leading to a major or concentration in insurance administration, personnel administration, finance, or closely related fields
    - 60 semester hours equals 12 months
    - 90 semester hours equals 24 months
    - 120 semester hours or a Bachelor's Degree equals 36 months

### OR

credit acquired towards a Certified Employees Benefits Specialist Certificate or a Chartered Life Underwriter Certificate<sup>1</sup>

- (b) credit for college training leading to a major or concentration in fields other than those previously listed
  - 60 semester hours equals 6 months
  - 90 semester hours equals 12 months
  - 120 semester hours or a Bachelor's Degree equals 24 months
- (c) responsible paraprofessional work experience in insurance and/or benefits (such as may be gained in the insurance, health care, or personnel fields as a benefits specialist, insurance underwriter, medical claims administrator, or patient service specialist)
- 2. Two years of progressively more responsible business experience that involved health/life insurance or benefits and the supervision of others

# PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES NEEDED TO UNDERTAKE JOB

- 1. knowledge of group insurance and ability to understand and interpret contract provisions
- 2. administrative ability
- 3. ability to work effectively with staff and public
- 4. ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Each course in the CEBS and CLU programs is equivalent to three semester hours of college course work.