General Statement of Duties

Designs or creates graphics to meet specific promotional needs, such as newsletters, reports, brochures, pamphlets, displays, logos, web design or other related visual materials and signs.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This class is distinguished from Graphics Technician, which performs graphics work in a full-service signage shop including layout/graphics, and fabrication of a variety of signs for various traffic operations. This class is also distinguished from the Graphics Supervisor based on the full performance supervisory responsibilities, and incumbents in this class supervise subordinate Graphic Designers.

Guidelines, Difficulty and Decision-Making Level

Guidelines are generally but not always clearly applicable, requiring the employee to exercise judgment in selecting the most pertinent guideline, interpret precedents, adapt standard practices to differing situations and recommend alternative actions in situations without precedent.

Duties assigned are generally complex and may be of substantial intricacy. Work assignment is performed within an established framework under general instructions but requires simultaneous coordination of assigned functions or projects in various stages of completion.

Employee is responsible for determining time, place and sequence of actions to be taken. Unusual problems or proposed deviations from guidelines, practices or precedents may be discussed with the supervisor before being initiated.

Level of Supervision Received & Quality Review

Under general supervision, the employee receives assignments and is expected to carry them through to completion with substantial independence. Work is reviewed for adherence to instructions, accuracy, completeness and conformance to standard practice or precedent. Recurring work clearly covered by guidelines may or may not be reviewed.

Interpersonal Communication & Purpose

Contacts with the public or employees where explanatory or interpretive information is exchanged defended, gathered and discretion and judgment are required within the parameters of the job function.

Level of Supervision Exercised

By position, performs project lead or coordinates the work of other graphics staff and other project personnel assigned to the project(s).

Essential Duties

Creates designs, concepts, and sample layouts based on knowledge of layout principles and aesthetic design concepts.

Determines size and arrangement of illustrative material and copy, and select style and size of type.

Uses computer software to generate new images.

City and County of Denver
Draws, and prints charts, graphs, illustrations, and other artwork, using computer software.

Reviews final layouts and recommends improvements as needed.

Confers with customers to discuss and determine layout design.

Develops graphics and layouts for product illustrates, logos, etc.

Keys information into computer equipment to create layouts for customers.

Studies illustrations and photographs to plan presentation of materials, products, or services.

Prepares notes and instructions for workers who assemble and prepare final layouts for printing.

Photographs layouts, using camera, to make layout prints for customer and/or supervisor.

By position, provides support of web graphic design utilizing interactive presentation tools that supports end users.

By position, develops negatives and prints to produce layout photographs, using negative and print developing equipment and tools.

By position, develops sign design and graphics in a 3 dimensional plane for many different materials such as, but not limited to, acrylics, wood and aluminum.

By position, produces still and animated graphics for on-air and taped portions of television news broadcasts, using electronic video equipment.

By position, prepares illustrations or rough sketches of material, discussing them with customers and/or supervisor and makes necessary changes.

By position, marks up, pastes, and assembles final layouts to prepare layouts for printer.

Any one position may not include all of the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

**Competencies**

Customer Service – Interacts with customers in a friendly and professional manner, works to resolve issues quickly and effectively, and is knowledgeable about products and services.

Creative Thinking – Uses imagination to develop new insights into situations and applies innovative solutions to problems; designs new methods where established methods and procedures are inapplicable or are unavailable.

Decision Making - Specifies goals and obstacles to achieving those goals, generates alternatives, considers risks, and evaluates and chooses the best alternative in order to make a determination, draw conclusions, or solve a problem.

Technical Competence - Uses knowledge that is acquired through formal training or extensive on-the-job experience to perform one's job; works with, understands, and evaluates technical information related to the job; advises others on technical issues.

Technology Application - Uses machines, tools, instruments, or equipment effectively; uses computers and computer applications to analyze and communicate information in the appropriate format.
### Knowledge & Skills

Knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in production precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models.

Knowledge of the theory and techniques required to compose, produce, and perform works of visual arts and designs.

### Education Requirement

Bachelor's Degree in Visual Communications, Graphic Arts, Graphics Design, Multimedia Design or a related field of study.

### Experience Requirement

Three (3) years of experience in graphic design or developing visual materials or signage design. Two of the three years must be experience in computer aided design and publication.

### Education & Experience Equivalency

One (1) year of the appropriate type and level of experience may be substituted for each required year of post-high school education.

A combination of appropriate education and experience may be substituted for the minimum education and experience requirements.

### Licensure & Certification

None

### Working Environment

For DPL Positions Specifically:

- Potential exposure to hazardous anesthetic agents, body fluids, and bio-wastes.
- Atmospheric Conditions: conditions that affect the skin, eyes or respiratory system.
- Potential exposure to cold temperature, cold enough to cause bodily discomfort.
- Potential exposure to cold weather conditions (indoor/outdoor).
- Potential exposure to conditions that affect the skin or respiratory system.
- Potential exposure to dust.
- Potential exposure to extreme temperature changes.
- Potential exposure to hazardous conditions where there is a danger to life, body, and/or health.
- Potential exposure to hazardous/toxic chemicals.
- Potential exposure to hazards from electro/mechanical/power equipment.
- Potential exposure to hazards of steam and heat.
- Potential exposure to heat temperatures, hot enough to cause bodily discomfort.
- Potential exposure to hot and humid work environment.
- Potential exposure to housekeeping/cleaning agents/chemicals.
- Potential exposure to infection from disease-bearing specimens.
- Potential exposure to infections and contagious diseases.
- Potential exposure to odorous chemicals.
- Potential exposure to pesticides or fertilizers.
- Potential exposure to the risk of blood borne diseases.
- Potential exposure to temperature changes: variations in temperature from hot too cold.
- Potential exposure to temperature changes: variations in temperature from hot to cold.
Potential exposure to unpleasant elements (accidents, injuries, and illness).
Extreme cold conditions.
Handles emergency or crisis situations.
Noise sufficient to cause distraction or possible hearing loss.
Personal Safety: aware of surroundings, people, and events.
Pressure due to multiple calls and inquiries.
Subject to long, irregular hours.
Subject to many interruptions.
Subject to burns and cuts.
Subject to electrical and radiant energy hazards.
Subject to hazards of flammable or explosive gases.
Subject to injury from moving parts of equipment or vehicles.
Subject to precarious or high locations.
Subject to pressure for multiple calls, inquiries, and interruptions.
Subject to varying and unpredictable situations.
Subject to traffic, roadways, and pedestrians.
Subject to vibrations and strain on the body to cause bodily harm if endured daily.
Temperature Changes: variations in temperature from hot too cold.
Temperature Changes: variations in temperatures from hot too cold when works in field.
Wet: frequent contact with water or other liquid.
Wet: frequent contact with water, liquid, chemicals, or sanitary sewage.
Works in precarious or high locations

**Level of Physical Demand**

For DPL Positions Specifically:
3-Medium (20-50 lbs.) to 4- Heavy Work (50-100 lbs.)

**Physical Demands**

For DPL Positions Specifically:

(Physical Demands are a general guide and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and agency/department needs.):

- Agility: Ability to move quickly and easily.
- Balancing: Maintaining equilibrium.
- Carrying: Transporting or moving an object.
- Climbing: Ascending or descending an object or ladder
- Color Vision: Ability to distinguish and identify different colors.
- Crawling: Moving about in a low or crouched position.
- Crouching: Positioning body downward and forward.
- Depth Perception: Ability to judge distances and space relationships.
- Eye/Hand/Foot Coordination: Performing work through using two or more body parts or other devices.
- Feeling: Perceiving attributes of objects by means of skin receptors, communication, or otherwise.
- Field of Vision: Ability to sharply detect or perceive objects peripherally.
- Fine Dexterity: Sufficient coordination to operate a vehicle and manipulate objects.
- Fingering: Picking and pinching, through use of fingers or otherwise.
- Handling: Seizing, holding, grasping, through use of hands, fingers, or other means.
- Hazards: Conditions where there is danger to life, body and/or health.
- Hearing/Talking: Perceiving and comprehending the nature and direction of sounds/ability to communicate ideas.
- Hearing: Perceiving and comprehending the nature and direction of sounds.
- Kneeling: Assuming a lowered position.
- Lifting: By Position, may move objects 20-50 pounds, or 50-100 pounds from one level to another.
Neck Flexion: Perceiving objects located above or below.
Physical Strength: Exerts force to transport objects of 50 pounds [or insert appropriate weight] or more.
Pulling: Exerting force upon an object so that it is moving to the person.
Pushing: Exerting force upon an object so that it moves away from the person.
Reaching: Extending the hands, arms, or other device in any direction.
Repetitive Motions: Making frequent or continuous movements.
Sitting: Remaining in a stationary position.
Stamina: Ability to work over long periods of time without tiring.
Standing: Remaining in a stationary position.
Stooping: Positioning oneself low to the ground.
Talking: Communicating ideas or exchanging information.
Vision Far Acuity: Ability to perceive or detect objects clearly at 20 feet or more.
Vision Near Acuity: Ability to perceive or detect objects at 20 inches or less.
Walking: Ability to move or traverse from one location to another.
Written Comprehension: Ability to discern the meaning of written words.

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