**Pittsburg State University**

**Job Description**

**Accounting Specialist (G0N138)**

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt  
**Grade: 005 Hourly Staff**

**Job Family:** Fiscal Operations  
**Career Ladder: Accounting 2**

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***The Job Description is the document used to assign positions to jobs. The Position Description is the document that provide details about a position that has been assigned to the job. The Position Description includes specific duties performed by the employee on the position, including the percentage of time duties are performed. The Position Description also identifies preferred education and experience and competencies (knowledge skills and abilities) in addition to those identified in the Job Description. Details in the Position Description are used to assess the performance of the employee assigned to the position.***

**General Description of Job – Primary Function, Supervision and Instruction Received, and Interactions**

*The information in this section includes the primary function of the job (what positions assigned to the job must accomplish) and the major objective (why that function is performed). Additional information may be added in the Position Description.*

**Primary Function:** The primary function of the Accounting Specialist job is to provide accounting clerical support and assist with administrative duties to accomplish the fiscal work of an assigned area, department or program. Positions assigned to the Accounting Specialist job complete entry-level bookkeeping and accounting tasks for a particular University department or unit and ensure compliance with University policies and procedures for various accounting transactions.

**Supervision and Instruction Received:** Positions assigned to the Accounting Specialist job typically report to an Accounting Supervisor or other appropriate administrative position. Instruction received is under general supervision. The supervisor provides continuing or individual assignments by indicating generally what is to be done, limitations, quality and quantity expected, deadlines and priorities. Additional, specific instructions are given for new, difficult, or unusual assignments. The employee uses initiative in carrying out a variety of recurring duties within established policy guidelines. The supervisor assures that the work is technically accurate and in compliance with instructions or established procedures.

**Interactions (purpose, with whom, frequency):** The Accounting Specialist interactsfrequently with university administrators, staff and external constituents to provide information about areas of responsibility. May interact occasionally with students.

**Examples of Essential Duties and Responsibilities**

*The following are examples of essential duties and responsibilities that may be required for a position assigned to this job. Specific duties and the percentage of time performed are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

1. Provide customer support for people with questions, concerns, or problems related to particular accounting functions or regulations.
2. Provide information and serve as an internal resource for the departments.
3. Utilize established guidelines and directives from supervisors to review transactions and ensure that all are compliant with University policies and regulations.
4. Perform administrative work and clerical support for accountants, including the processing of transactions, coding, and posting routine accounting information.
5. Process transactions for bank deposits as required.
6. Process Accounts Payable transactions; code and enter invoices and receipts, review transactions to ensure accuracy, verify compliance with regulations and contracts, and record appropriately.
7. Process expense reports based on state law, contractual agreements, and University policies and procedures. Manage the processing of reimbursements.
8. Locate and research irregularities in financial transactions. Contact relevant parties to report inconsistencies and present findings.
9. Review transactions on student accounts and verify all charges and credits to facilitate billing.
10. Review wire transfers and other inter-departmental expenditures. Perform auditing function and report results.
11. Perform any other related duties as required or assigned.

**Leadership, Supervisory or Management Responsibilities**

Mark an “X” next to the one statement which best describes the job, if applicable.

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|  | Lead worker (assigns, trains, schedules, oversees, or reviews the work of others) |
|  | Supervisor (plans, staffs, evaluates and directs work of employees in a work unit) |
|  | Indirect Supervisor (delegates authority to carry out work of a unit to subordinate supervisors or managers) |

The number of employees led, supervised, or managed is included in the position description.

**Minimum Education and Experience – Required at Hire**

*The following minimum education and experience is required at time of hire. Addition education and experience may be preferred. Preferred education and experience is identified in the Position Description.*

* High school diploma or equivalent
* Three years of fiscal, office or administrative support. Education may be substituted for experience as determined by the University.

**Examples of Competencies – Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA’s):**

*The competencies listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability that may be required. Specific competencies and frequency performed are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

1. **Knowledge**

* **Budget -** Knowledge of budget construction processes and budget management experience; knowledge of administration and management of department budgets.
* **Clerical** – Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records and designing forms.
* **Customer and Personal Service** — Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services.
* **Economics and Accounting** — Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis and reporting of financial data.
* **English Language** — Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
* **Mathematics** — Knowledge of arithmetic and algebra and their applications.
* **Shared Governance** – Knowledge of the principles and methods of working in an environment where responsibility is shared by faculty and administrators.
* **Student Support Services** - Knowledge of enrollment management, financial assistance, admissions, registrar & housing operations and functions.

1. **Skills**

* **Active Learning** — Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.
* **Active Listening** — Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.
* **Complex Problem Solving** — Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.
* **Coordination** – Adjusting actions in relation to others’ actions.
* **Critical Thinking** — Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
* **Judgment and Decision Making** — Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.
* **Mathematics** – Using mathematics to solve problems.
* **Monitoring** – Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.
* **Reading Comprehension** — Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.
* **Research** – Using an organized and systematic way to answer questions.
* **Service Orientation** — Actively looking for ways to help people.
* **Social Perceptiveness** – Being aware of others’ reactions and understanding why they react as they do.
* **Speaking** — Talking to others to convey information effectively.
* **Time Management** — Managing one's own time and the time of others.
* **Writing** – Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.

1. **Abilities**

* **Category Flexibility** — The ability to generate or use different sets of rules for combining or grouping things in different ways.
* **Collaboration** - Ability to work collaboratively with all stakeholders (faculty, community partners, staff, etc.) to build/sustain internal and external relationships.
* **Deductive Reasoning** The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.
* **Diversity –** The ability to effectively work in a diverse educational setting.
* **Inductive Reasoning** — The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).
* **Information Ordering** – The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules, and the ability to negotiate contracts and agreements.
* **Mathematical Reasoning** – The ability to choose the right mathematical methods or formulas to solve a problem.
* **Multi-Task and Deadlines** - The ability to manage multiple tasks and meet deadlines.
* **Near Vision** — The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).
* **Number Facility —** The ability to add, subtract, multiply, or divide quickly and correctly.
* **Oral Comprehension** — The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.
* **Oral Expression** — The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.
* **Problem Sensitivity** – The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.
* **Relationships** – The ability to work in a collegial environment with shared governance, and to establish and cultivate relationships inside and outside the University.
* **Selective Attention** — The ability to concentrate on a task over a period of time without being distracted.
* **Speech Clarity** – The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.
* **Speech Recognition** – The ability to identify and understand the speech of another person.
* **Written Comprehension** – The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.
* **Written Expression** – The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.

1. **Work Activity**

* **Analyzing Data or Information** — Identifying the underlying principles, reasons, or facts of information by breaking down information or data into separate parts.
* **Communicating with Persons Outside Organization** — Communicating with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone or e-mail.
* **Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates** — Providing information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.
* **Documenting/Recording Information** – Entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining information in written or electronic/magnetic form.
* **Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships** — Developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others and maintaining them over time.
* **Evaluating Information to Determine Compliance with Standards** — Using relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations, or standards.
* **Getting Information** — Observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources.
* **Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events** — Identifying information by categorizing, estimating, recognizing differences or similarities, and detecting changes in circumstances or events.
* **Interacting With Computers** — Using computers and computer systems to enter data, or process information.
* **Interpreting the Meaning of Information for Others** — Translating or explaining what information means and how it can be used.
* **Judging the Qualities of Things, Services, or People** — Assessing the value, importance, or quality of things or people.
* **Making Decisions and Solving Problems** – Analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
* **Monitoring and Controlling Resources** — Monitoring and controlling resources and overseeing the spending of money.
* **Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work** — Developing specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish your work.
* **Performing Administrative Activities** – Performing day-to-day administrative tasks such as maintaining files and processing paperwork.
* **Processing Information** — Compiling, coding, categorizing, calculating, tabulating, auditing, or verifying information or data.
* **Thinking Creatively** — Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.
* **Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge** — Keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to your job.

**Environmental Conditions (Hazards, Risks or Discomforts)**

*The environment conditions listed below are representative of the environmental conditions that may be present for a position assigned to this job. Environmental conditions for a position are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

* General office conditions.
* May be exposed to moderate noise levels.

**Equipment or Machines Used**

*The following are examples of equipment or machines that may be regularly used to perform the duties of the position. Specific equipment and the frequency used is found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

* Office Equipment, such as printers, copiers, fax machines and calculators.
* Communication Equipment, such as smartphones and multi-line telephones.
* Computers and Peripherals, such as computers, scanners.

**License or Certification Required by Statute or Regulation**

*List license(s) or certification(s) appropriate for the position. Indicate those that are required by statute or regulation at time of hire.*

None

**Additional Requirements**

*The following are examples of additional requirements that may be required to perform the duties of the position. Additional requirements for a position are found in the Position Description for the position assigned to this job.*

* Direct supervision of assigned budgets.
* Regular attendance is a necessary and essential function
* Satisfactory Pre-Hire Background Checks Required:
  + Sex Offender Registry Check
  + Criminal Record

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