

Position Description – Student Employment

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

POSITION SUMMARY:

 Technical Assistants provide expanded support for sound reinforcement, lighting, computer, and audiovisual support. These staff members set up, operate, and break down the technical equipment for each event. These students will interact directly with clients and presenters on a regular basis, requiring outstanding customer service skills.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serves to assist all Davis Center clientele and staff with any technical needs they may have in a
 professional manner. These items include but are not limited to: Customer service and support, wired
 and wireless microphones, PowerPoint presentations, computer systems, video systems including
 cameras and projections, wireless connections, stagehand skills, organizational and maintenance
 tasks.
- Have thorough understanding of the projection, lighting, audio, video and control systems in the Davis Center including knowledge of troubleshooting methods.
- Working knowledge of event spaces
- Submit necessary shift and event reporting paperwork
- Ensure proper set up of spaces and conference rooms for events.
- All Technical Assistants are expected to participate in weekly training hours, meetings, and assist other areas of the DC Operations team when requested.
- Set up and break down all audio/visual, lighting and computer components for events in the Davis Center.
- Assist customers with technical needs
- Maintain appearance and functionality of all audio/visual, lighting, and computer equipment.
- Maintain a clean work environment
- Maintain a professional appearance to include wearing issued Davis Center shirt and nametag.
- Attend all scheduled meetings and training sessions.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

- Enforce all Safety, Social Distancing, and University policies are followed and maintained.
- Maintain socially distant setups for events & common areas
- Clean and disinfect all work surfaces, shared office spaces, study spaces, event/meeting rooms and surrounding areas

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be a currently matriculated University of Vermont student in good standing
- Attention to detail and ability to manage multiple tasks at the same time
- Reliable and responsible
- Interest in event planning, management, and operations
- Increased independence, confidence, and critical thinking skills
- Ability to push/pull/lift items including tables, staging & chairs
- Ability and willingness to work both independently and with a team
- Interest in increasing knowledge and skills related to event planning and delivery



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- Ability to handle a variety of situations simultaneously in a professional and efficient manner
- Ability to positively represent The Davis Center and The University of Vermont
- Enthusiasm for working in a diverse, team-centered, and environmentally friendly office environment
- Motivation to increase and share in the community building at the University of Vermont
- Strong customer-service, communication, problem-solving, and organizational skills
- Desire and ability to work a flexible schedule that requires work on nights and weekends as well as early mornings
- Ability to provide Tech Level I service at the completion of training period (see Tech Levels and descriptions).
- Ability to resolve problems efficiently and quickly
- Ability to follow instructions and interpret set up diagrams
- · Ability to manage time, take initiative and prioritize duties while on shift
- · Interest in increasing knowledge and skills related to technology.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE ACQUIRED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT:

- Increased understanding of event planning and management.
- Increased knowledge of campus programming and facility operations.
- Experience working on a diverse and environmentally friendly staff committed to personal and professional growth.
- Enhanced project-management, customer-service, communication, organization, and problem-solving skills.
- Understanding of and use of audio/visual, lighting equipment and computer skills
- Enhanced knowledge of producing online events, both fully virtual and hybrid, and their use in academic and external client presentations