



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

This position serves the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (Commission) and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Council) whose offices are located at 1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia.

Position Title: Research and Policy Analyst

Classification: Full Time, Non-Classified, Exempt, Benefits-Eligible

Date: August 3, 2020

Overview: Reporting to the Senior Director of Research and Policy, the Research and Policy Analyst will be responsible for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting West Virginia-specific higher education data in order to provide accurate and meaningful information to stakeholders. As an integral member of the agency's research team, the position works closely with colleagues to support data-driven decision making at the agency and campus levels by producing executive summaries, research reports and interactive data tools for both technical and non-technical audiences.

Duties and Responsibilities: Fulfills data requests from a variety of interested parties, such as internal Commission and Council staff, campus administrators, education researchers, and state legislators. Synthesizes research needs into salient, specific data requests to internal data programmers, followed by analyzing, interpreting, and presenting the data in a meaningful manner. Produces annual agency reports and data resources including statutorily mandated higher education reports and the public facing web-based data portal. Conducts general research (descriptive and inferential statistics, surveys, etc.) on topics related to student access and success and institutional effectiveness. Presents findings to interested stakeholders and at conferences. Provides direct support and training to campus institutional research personnel.

Preferred Knowledge, skills and abilities:

The ability to use statistical and reporting packages such as SPSS, SAS, Strata, Tableau and Argos is desired. Knowledge of SQL and/or PL/SQL is preferred but not required.

Required Knowledge skills and abilities:

Applicant must possess knowledge of higher education administration and information needs; must be highly organized and detail oriented with strong written and verbal communication skills, interpersonal acumen, and the ability to work productively in a team environment.

This position requires the ability to access and analyze a wide array of student-level, institutional, state and national datasets as well as the ability to complete diverse tasks ranging from long-term, multi-stage research projects to fast-paced legislative data requests.

Must be familiar with research design and data analysis. Intermediate statistics proficiency is required.

Ability to learn new data analysis and reporting software and advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office suite are required.

Must be willing to work collaboratively with colleagues in a team environment.

Salary Range: Competitive salary, commensurate with experience.

Minimum education and experience Requirements:

An earned doctorate in higher education, public policy, or a related field with at least one year of campus- or central office-based institutional research experience is preferred. Candidates with a master's degree with at least three years of recent relevant institutional research experience will be considered.

Closing date: Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Review of applications begins August 17, 2020.

Application process: Qualified candidates must submit a letter of interest, a current resume, a professional writing sample, and titles, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for three professional references. Candidates may be asked to complete a performance task that demonstrates their ability to analyze a sample data set and articulate findings. Final candidates are subject to employment and credential verification, as well as, reference and background checks. Submit all information electronically **via e-mail** with "Research and Policy Analyst" in the subject line to: Ms. Vickie Hairston, HR Representative, Senior at hepc.hr@wvhepc.edu.

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