

Summary of Duties : Lays out and paints signs using freehand, stencils and silk screen methods on a variety of surfaces and materials; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features : The work of a Sign Painter differs from that of other painting classes in that it is more specialized and requires some knowledge of artistic design. It is distinguished from the class of Graphics Designer in that it includes little or no responsibility for the selection, design, and production of exhibits or displays. Work assignments are usually general in nature and in the form of sketches or blueprints indicating copy, size and colors. A Sign Painter is expected to carry out details on a journey level without technical supervision. Much of the work may be done outside of a shop and may require the Sign Painter to work from ladders, swing stages or scaffolding.

Examples of Duties : Lays out and paints signs, posters and show cards on wood, metal, plastic, cardboard, cloth, glass and other materials; makes and uses silk screen stencils made of carbon tissue, pro-film or water soluble film; prepares pounce patterns for lettering; letters on glass or wood with gold, aluminum or silver leaf using the surface guild or water size methods; letters street and traffic control signs; letters freehand or with a stencil signs on buildings, streets, and equipment; and may serve as a lead person over employees engaged in the production of traffic signs, posters, showcards, and portable signs.

Prepares and cleans surfaces of signs prior to painting or repainting; mixes paints and harmonizes colors; makes and applies decals; may operate such shop equipment as silk screen press, vacuum applicator, arc light and vacuum frame, dryer and squeegee sharpener and may use other equipment such as a paint spray gun, artist's air brush, pounce wheel or striping wheel, in painting signs.

Occasionally does auto striping and painting, house or furniture painting, or street surface painting; requisitions sign painting materials; keeps records and makes reports as necessary; and may occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualification : A good knowledge of the techniques of fine lettering and painting; a good knowledge of the gold leaf process; a good knowledge of the paints, varnishes, fillers, dryers and equipment used in sign painting; a good knowledge of the silk screen process; a good knowledge of the preparation of various surfaces for lettering; a good knowledge of the techniques of applying scotchlite and reflectorized paint or sheeting; the ability to prepare and use pounce patterns; the ability to do gold leaf work; the ability to do skillful freehand lettering; the ability to lay out and letter a large variety of signs on various types of surfaces using good design and appropriate letter

styles; the ability to use and make silk screen stencils; the ability to mix, match, harmonize and contrast colors; and the ability to understand and follow instructions and drawings.

Completion of a recognized apprenticeship or attainment of journey-level rank as a sign painter, or six years of full-time experience as a helper to a sign painter is required.

Physical Requirements : Strength to perform average lifting up to 25 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; arm, hand and finger dexterity with both hands involved in activities such as reaching, handling and feeling; good eyesight; and normal color perception.

Persons with medical limitations may, with reasonable accommodations, be capable of performing the duties of some of the positions in this class. Such determination must be made on an individual basis in light of the person's limitations, the requirements of the position, and the appointing authority's ability to effect reasonable accommodations to the person's limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.