MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

A College of Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

Deck Maintenance Assistant (Training Ship)

POSITION OVERVIEW

Temporary, part-time support position. Employee must at minimum possess a valid Merchant Mariner Credential with a minimum rating of "Able Seafarer – Special" and a valid TWIC. This is not an underway position; all work will be performed while the ship is in port. The Deck Maintenance Assistant reports to the Chief Mate or his/her designated subordinate. Employee will supervise and instruct cadets during scheduled maintenance classes aboard the training ship.

DUTIES

- Supervise and train students of varying experience levels in practical operation of all deck department machinery, tools, procedures, and safety equipment during semester maintenance periods.
- Adhere to and train students in Safety Management System principles and best practices.
- Supervise cadets in support of outside contract work as directed.
- Objectively evaluate student performance.
- Responsible for using and maintaining deck department stores, spares, equipment, tools, and teaching/supervising students in the same.
- Comply with all safety PPE requirements.
- Other duties as assigned.

SKILLS

- Thorough knowledge and familiarity with shipboard systems and equipment.
- Experience in, or willingness to learn, teaching and objective evaluation of Cadets.
- Excellent physical health and evidence of a positive mental attitude.
- Ability to work efficiently with large groups of inexperienced people while providing effective leadership.

This job description reflects the general duties of the job but is not a detailed description of all duties which may be inherent to the position. The Academy may assign reasonably related additional duties to the individual employees consistent with policy and collective bargaining agreements.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC)
- Valid MMC with minimum rating of Able Seafarer - Special
- Candidate must pass a pre-employment drug test.
- Prior teaching experience a plus.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Exert up to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 30 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
- Ascend or descend ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles and the like, using feet and legs and/or hands and arms.
- Tolerate exposure to extreme weather conditions including rain, snow, sleet, high winds, and extremes of temperatures.
- Use hands to manipulate objects, tools, and controls.
- Reach and work overhead with arms and hands.
- Open and close watertight doors of 55 pounds or more.
- Work in areas of highs noise and/or low light.
- Work aloft at heights above 6 ft.
- Work in confined spaces.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Must participate in USCG drug testing program.
- Must maintain annual compliance with SASH training requirements
- Tobacco-free employer.
- Criminal background check required.

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