# Standard Title: **SPECIALIST**

### PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION EXEMPTION (36e(3))

#### ♦ General Function Statement

Under administrative direction, performs senior staff/professional-level duties that are devoted to a particular activity or specialized area in an employing unit. Responsibilities typically require a depth of knowledge, expertise and skills, normally gained through an advanced course of study in an academic discipline and/or work experience of a variety and depth sufficient to provide a foundation for expert knowledge and ability in a field. Responsibilities may require highly focused advanced technical, scientific, or artistic expertise, or more general intellectual, conceptual, analytical and writing skills utilizing in-depth knowledge of both a discipline and the organization.

### ♦ Organization Relationship

Assistant Director/Associate Director/Director/Head of Unit or Other Administrator

Specialist

Support Staff/Students

### **♦** Request for Exemption under Criterion:

## **♦** Typical Responsibilities

- 1. Serve as an authority, provide expertise, and perform highly specialized work assignments in a unique area of specialization.
- 2. Exercise knowledge and methodology of a profession or specialized field. Keep abreast of relevant legislation, rules, regulations, tools, procedures, technical specifications, and developments in the field. Pursue professional development activities to expand knowledge and maintain currency.
- 3. Provide specialized services, investigate and trouble-shoot problems.
- 4. Plan and execute complex projects in field of expertise.
- 5. Analyze data and information, evaluate and summarize findings.
- 6. Research, conceptualize, define and communicate ideas and issues; provide insight, recommend action, and pursue solutions to problems.
- 7. Provide advice and counsel, serving as a "consultant" to other staff members within the unit, campus, or the general public, within the unique area of expertise.
- 8. Formulate policy based on judgment and expert knowledge of a particular area.
- 9. Identify and evaluate resources and obtain information relevant to a specialized area.
- 10. Coordinate working relationships with peers and other appropriate University personnel to achieve defined goals and objectives.
- 11. May supervise and/or train other staff members or students.
- 12. Represent the unit on various campus committees or teams related to the specialize area.
- 13. Act as liaison with other skilled specialists throughout the state and nationwide.