

PUBLIC SERVICE



CAREERS AS DIVERSE AS THE PROVINCE

Public service workers are professionals, skilled trades people, service-providers, technicians and labourers.

Our police officers, home care workers, and school bus drivers are just a few of the public service employees who keep Manitoba running smoothly. The opportunities for public service jobs are as diverse as the services that Manitobans use everyday.

"You'll find our workers in any public institution, from health care aides to teaching assistants to the person who takes the call when you dial 911," says Dennis Lewycky, communication and research representative with the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Public service employers are varied. There are universities, hospitals, school divisions, and municipal, provincial and federal governments and government funded agencies. •

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READ, UNDERSTAND, WRITE

Benjamin Amoyaw
 Policy Analyst



In his job with the Manitoba government, Benjamin Amoyaw says the most important skills for his job are the ability to read critically, to understand, to analyze and to write reports.

Benjamin is a policy analyst in the Immigration and Multiculturalism Division of Manitoba Labour and Immigration, and much of his job involves summarizing large reports into a single page. He needs to be able to read quickly, to understand clearly what he is reading, and then to write succinct briefing notes. He also analyzes and recommends policy and program options to respond to the issues of immigration in the province.

In developing immigration policy and programs for Manitoba, Benjamin works with colleagues to consult with government officials, post-secondary education institutions and community groups to determine the needs of each group. He also reviews federal government documents, as well as documents from other governments around the world. "I read widely," he says. "I read national and international newspapers, academic journals and other government reports to make sure I keep up with the global perspective on issues."

He makes full use of the research and analytical skills he developed at universities in Ghana and Norway, Dalhousie University in Halifax and the University of Manitoba. "Read, understand, analyze, consult, present and write well. These are the skills you'll need to succeed so don't take them for granted." •

PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR CAREERS TO CONSIDER

Police Officer
Firefighter
Librarian
Elected Representative
Public Relations Officer
Economist

Accountant
Social Worker
Office Clerk
Lawyer
Public Works Equipment Operator

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Profile

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Financial Analyst

MELODY BALANE was in the right place at the right time when she got her job as a financial analyst with the City of Winnipeg. "I was hired before I completed my CGA (Certified General Accountant) designation, even though I was still two credits away," she says.

Her first four months on the job were very hectic as she juggled a heavy workload with preparations for her final exams. She passed, and now she can concentrate on helping the Corporate Finance Department prepare monthly forecasts and business plans for the city.

Melody completed her CGA designation in August 2004, and thoroughly enjoys her responsibilities with the City.

"It requires a lot of discipline and organization," she says, "but if you have a knack for numbers, are good in math and calculus, and have strong analytical skills, the results can be very satisfying and financially rewarding." •

