



Abdul M. Mackie

Education Liaison Representative
Federal & State Approvals Team
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Mr. Mackie is currently the Education Liaison Representative for Federal and State Approvals Team and his role is the approval of all federal On-the-Job and Apprenticeship training programs at the federal level. He began his VA career in Buffalo New York as a Veterans Claims Examiner in February 2010, Education Compliance Survey Specialist in 2014 before becoming the Educational Liaison Representative for the states of Kanas and Nebraska in 2017. Prior to joining the VA, he worked for Ford Motor Company in Human Resource Associate in Benefits in both Dearborn Michigan and in Buffalo New York. In addition, Mr. Mackie also worked for non-profit education and training agencies in the metropolitan Detroit area. Mr. Mackie is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit-Mercy. Mr. Mackie, a resident of Omaha Nebraska since 2017, serves on the board of directors for the Tri-Faith Initiative and the American Muslim Institute.

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Program Management & Compliance • Customer Service • Human Resources • Employee Staffing & Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Buffalo, NY Detroit, MI Lincoln NE

Educational Liaison Representative, Lincoln NE

05/2017 to present

Reviews programs of education and apprenticeship and on-the-job training for approval at federal agencies. Ensure all approval actions are compliant with the Code of Federal Regulations and other legislation and agency regulations. Maintain and reference administrative materials to maintain current knowledge on procedures, policies, and directives. Serve as a liaison and facilitator to provide training to agency and school officials surrounding program approval and the certification of the GI Bill Benefit enrollments. Served as the ELR for the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois with distinction.

Education Compliance Survey Specialist, Buffalo NY & Detroit MI

02/2014 to 05/2017

Prepare and schedule compliance surveys for approved education and training institutions and federal agencies. Conduct on site visits and remote surveys to analyze institutional records and determine compliance with applicable laws and VA regulations; and to assure the propriety of VA payments for education programs. Analyze survey results to identify discrepancies and provide corrective actions such as training and or payment adjustments. Provide onsite training to advise educational institutions and federal agencies of VA regulations and procedures.

Veterans Claims Examiner, Buffalo NY

2009-2010 to 02/2014

Adjudicate complex claims for individuals with multiple or concurrent sources of entitlement. Review enrollment certifications to ensure claims are processed correctly and timely. Authorize benefit payments and inform recipients of claims decisions as they relate to VA education programs

Buffalo Public Schools

Buffalo, NY

Human Resources Generalist

11/2010 to 12/2011

Workforce planning and staffing, record retention, teacher tenure and compliance, and employee relations.

Ford Motor Company – Buffalo Stamping Plant

Buffalo, NY

Labor Relations/Hourly Personnel, Human Resources Associate

2006 to 2008

Oversaw operations of the Hourly Personnel office, including payroll correction and processing, workforce planning and staffing, FMLA administration, medical placement, grievance administration and records retention administration. Provided employee relations guidance to assigned business partners, ensuring compliance to company practices and state and federal employment law.

Ford Motor Company, National Employee Services Center

Dearborn, MI

Human Resources Associate

1999 to 2006

Administration of pension, policies & programs, health, and retirement benefits in the corporate benefits call center.

Employment & Training Designs, Inc

Wayne, MI

Provided employment services counseling and job development to JTPA program participants.

Arab-American & Chaldean Council

Lathrup Village, MI

Oversaw job training and educational contracts with the City of Detroit and County of Wayne.

Dearborn Public Schools, Adult Education

Dearborn, MI

Adult Education Instructor (Evening)

Taught ESL and American Citizenship to non-English speaking adults.

Wayne County Job Connection

Dearborn and Highland Park, MI

Provided a full array of employment counseling and job development services to JTPA program participants.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS:

University of Detroit

Detroit, MI

M.A., Education

1988

University of Michigan

Dearborn, MI

B.A., History

1985

Certifications: 6-Sigma Green Belt, Ford Motor Company.

SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Sound business acumen with the ability to establish credibility, trust, and partnership at all levels of the organization.
- Independence while working effectively and collaboratively within the team.
- Excellent organization, time-management, and task-management skills in fast paced, diverse environments.

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST