



DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANT JOB DUTIES

Overall Duties and Work Environment

Provides high quality customer service to passengers based on market specification and individual needs. This includes, but is not limited to, enroute cabin service and/or ground cabin service to delayed or canceled passengers.

Reads, interprets, demonstrates and provides safety briefings to passengers. Communicates and ensures compliance with company and government safety and security rules and procedures. Required to manage crew and passengers in any potential onboard event, including medical emergencies, assessment of security threats and a variety of difficult situations. Oversees cabin to ensure cockpit access is prevented by unauthorized personnel. Provides leadership, direction, and assistance to passengers and other crew members in stressful, emergency or evacuation situations.

Works in an environment subject to varying climatic conditions and air pressures, turbulence-induced variable positive and negative G loads, changing work locales, variable hours and shifts and working conditions, moderate noise levels, dim lighting, confining spaces and frequent contact with others. May be exposed to radiation levels of three to six millisieverts (mSv) per year at altitude, dry air ranging from 4% to 15% humidity, and ambient altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 8,500 feet. The frequent air pressure changes could predispose certain employees to ear and/or sinus barotrauma.

Specific Duties and Abilities

Proactively assists passengers with stowage (*i.e.*, floor to above shoulder level) of carry-on bags, garments and other belongings. Serves or sells food, beverages and various other amenities in accordance with service standards. Picks up trash, keeps cabin and lavatories tidy. Provides assistance, which could include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to ill or incapacitated passengers.

Operates mechanical and safety equipment such as oxygen systems, aircraft doors, evacuation slides, fire extinguishers, life rafts, galley equipment, communication and audio/visual equipment and lighting systems. Handles cash and credit transactions for liquor, audio equipment and other sales. Uses computers, including navigation within Windows environments and data entry and retrieval of information using company operated systems. Reads, comprehends, updates and uses technical or specialized information.

Interacts in a professional and friendly manner with clients, coworkers and customers of diverse backgrounds. Works with other crewmembers on a team to ensure all services meet company standards. Takes responsibility and is accountable for commitments and assignments.

Presents a professional image, including a neat, well-groomed appearance as described in United Company Regulations 30-5.

Must be able to speak in a clear, concise, and organized manner, loudly enough to be heard in an emergency. Ability to speak and understand English fluently. Proficiency in a second language highly desirable. Ability to hear all types and ranges of sound. Must meet hearing and vision requirements as established by the Federal Aviation Administration and the airline.

Ability to use time efficiently and productively. Ability to demonstrate assertiveness and influence, when appropriate. Ability to resolve difficult, emotionally charged or confrontational issues while maintaining composure and focusing on customer needs. Ability to make decisions with little or no supervision, or in the face of rapidly changing events, stress, emergencies or crises. Ability to demonstrate flexibility and adjust easily to new conditions, changing needs and priorities.

Must complete Initial Flight Attendant Training, including Emergency Procedures and annual recurrent emergency training. May be required to complete other training as well.

Physical Requirements:

Flight attendants are required to be able to perform a combination of physical activities in the course of their work day. The types and combination of physical activities that are required may vary from day to day, depending upon job tasks assigned. Some of those activities include the following:

Works in aircraft aisles and galleys for periods of up to 14 hours or more, performing duties which require standing, walking, climbing, stooping, crouching, squatting, kneeling, reaching, twisting and bending. Such duties may be complicated by unpredictable, and at times, air turbulence.

Pushes or pulls movable carts. Ergonomic studies show that the initial push/pull force (force required to put a beverage or food cart in motion, at a flat angle) is 29 pounds of force. On a 4 degree angle, the estimated required force is 45 pounds.

Frequently required to use force up to 25 lbs. to lift, push, or pull objects, such as beverage stowage bins. Occasionally required to use 25 to 55 lbs. of force to lift, push, or pull objects. At times, required to use forces greater than 55 lbs. to lift, push, or pull objects. Some of these push, pull, or lifting forces must be performed with the arms at or above shoulder level, such as in the case of closing or opening overhead bins.

Ability to perform tasks that require overall body coordination/balance. Vertical reach of at least 82 inches (2.08 meters) and maximum height of 76 inches.

Education:

High school graduate or GED.

Additional Qualifications:

Qualifications: Must be able to complete company physical assessing capability to meet flight attendant essential functions with or without a reasonable accommodation, drug tests, background checks, the required initial and emergency procedures for flight attendants and other pre-employment checks required to obtain SIDA access. Must possess a valid passport prior to attending training with 30 months validity remaining prior to expiration.