

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

VISION/HEARING CONSULTANT I

POSITION CODE: 47941
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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general supervision, assists in the implementation of a regional program of vision or hearing conservation services for children and adults; cooperates with other regional agencies, schools and local health departments in developing and maintaining vision or hearing health services; implements, at the local level, special information and education programs in the fields of vision or hearing health service; provides technical assistance to health departments and public schools in regard to vision or hearing programs.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Assists at the regional level in the implementation of vision or hearing screening services through regional agencies, schools and local health departments; monitors and evaluates follow-up of vision or hearing screening referrals; assists in developing techniques and procedures to be used in vision or hearing screening; supervises visuometric or audiometric technicians performing vision and hearing screening tests.
2. Instructs visuometric or audiometric technicians and nurses in the vision or hearing training programs in the operation of vision or hearing testing devices and in the techniques and procedures of screening; provides technical assistance in interpreting results of vision or hearing screening tests; reviews the results of mass screening tests performed by technicians and nurses.
3. Maintains records and prepares reports relevant to a regional vision or hearing conservation program; periodically checks calibration of screening instruments.
4. Provides consultative services to regional agencies, local health departments and schools; evaluates existing programs to expand, improve and maintain desirable services; monitors vision or hearing screening programs to assure correctness of procedures and follow-up; participates on the regional vision or hearing conservation planning committee.

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5. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Option A:

Requires knowledge, skill and mental developmental equivalent to completion of four years of college supplemented by a master's degree in audiology or speech and hearing disorders.

Preferably includes completion of the academic and clinical requirements to be eligible for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology of the American Speech and Hearing Association.

Option B:

Requires knowledge, skill and mental developmental equivalent to completion of four years of college supplemented by a master's degree in education or rehabilitation in teaching blind and/or partially sighted or in a related field, with training in child development, anatomy and physiology of the eye, eye development, refractive errors, diseases of the eye and generally accepted treatments.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires working knowledge of the principles and practices of vision or hearing conservation and rehabilitation services and resources.

Requires working knowledge of trends, recent developments and research in the field of vision or hearing conservation.

Requires elementary knowledge of the medical, psychological, educational and rehabilitative aspects of hearing defects or vision deficiencies.

Requires ability to assist with the planning, implementation and coordination of a regional program of vision or hearing conservation services.

Requires ability to give technical assistance to vision or hearing screening technicians and nurses.

Requires ability to communicate information effectively, both orally and in writing, and to prepare concise and accurate reports.

Requires ability to develop and maintain cooperative relationships with both lay and professional persons.

Requires skill in the utilization of specialized equipment used in vision or hearing screening.