

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

VISION/HEARING CONSULTANT II

POSITION CODE: 47942
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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general direction, plans, organizes and implements a regional program of vision or hearing conservation services for children and adults; assesses regional needs and resources as they relate to the statewide vision or hearing conservation program; coordinates service delivery efforts of regional agencies; schools and local health departments through the regional planning committee; provides technical assistance and training to screening personnel.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Implements and administers a regional program for delivery of vision or hearing conservation services through regional agencies, schools and local health departments to children and adults; monitors and evaluates vision or hearing screening problem cases; provides for adequate follow-up of screening referrals; recommends techniques and procedures to be used in vision or hearing screening; supervises technicians performing vision and hearing 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; evaluates need for regional vision or hearing screening training courses; recommends curriculum variations to meet regional needs.
3. Provides consultative services to regional agencies, local health departments and schools to maximize the quality of medical, educational and rehabilitative aspects of a regional vision or hearing conservation programs; monitors vision or hearing screening programs to assure correctness of procedures and follow-up; directs the regional vision or hearing planning committee.
4. Checks calibration of screening instruments in the region; maintains records and prepares reports relevant to a regional vision or hearing conservation program.
5. Assists local health departments prepare grant-in-aid applications; acts as advocate of local department during grant application review; recommends appropriate grant awards to health departments in the regions.

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6. 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.

Requires three years of professional experience in audiology, speech and hearing disorders or public health hearing conservation; or three years of professional experience in teaching the blind or partially sighted or in a public health or related vision program.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

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

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

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

Requires ability to plan, organize, administer and coordinate regional program of vision or hearing conservation.

Requires ability to give technical supervision to screening physicians 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.