

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

VISION/HEARING CONSULTANT III

POSITION CODE: 47943

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under administrative direction, plans, organizes, coordinates and participates in the conduct of vision or hearing screening training programs; assigns trainees to classes and supervises vision or hearing consultants as related to their instructing in the training courses; instructs elements of vision or hearing screening courses; assists with the supervision of the statewide vision or hearing program; assists with research in the field of vision or hearing.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Plans, organizes, coordinates and participates in the conduct of vision or hearing screening training programs designed to teach visuometric and audiometric technicians, nurses and others the methods, procedures and techniques utilized in the administration of vision or hearing screening tests; assists with the planning and development of training course content.
2. Reviews with regional consultants training requests and determines need for and suitable location of training courses; makes trainee and instructor assignments; supervises vision or hearing consultants as related to their instructing in the training courses; instructs elements of the vision or hearing screening courses.
3. Organizes and participates in workshops, seminars and institutes for lay and professional persons.
4. Develops, reviews and submits research projects designed to improve and expand all facets of the vision or hearing program.
5. Evaluates the vision or hearing training program and recommends changes to enhance program efficiency and effectiveness.
6. Maintains central registry of certified screening technicians.
7. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

VISION/HEARING CONSULTANT III (Continued)

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 four years of professional experience working in audiology, speech and hearing disorders or public health hearing conservation; or four 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 extensive knowledge of the medical, psychological, educational and rehabilitative aspects of hearing defects or vision deficiencies.

Requires extensive knowledge in the design, implementation and management of research studies.

Requires ability to plan, organize, coordinate and administer a program of training as applicable to a statewide vision or hearing conservation program.

Requires ability to review reports of highly specialized and technical activities and formulate effective courses of action.

Requires ability to actively participate on statewide committees and involvement with related professional organizations.

Requires ability to constantly communicate with other professionals in the field of vision or hearing.

Requires ability to provide technical input to the Illinois Department of Public Health Vision or Hearing Program policies.

Requires ability to instruct an adult population.

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

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, training and research.