

SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is professional speech and language pathology work.

Employees in this class perform the full range of professional duties, including independent work in specialized areas of the profession.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be performed.)

Performs speech and language evaluations utilizing appropriate diagnostic procedures to determine functional and organic difficulties and disorders of patients and to determine and recommend appropriate treatment and intervention, as may be indicated by the results.

Plans and effects speech and language therapy programs and suggests therapeutic designs.

Initiates special referrals for psychological, medical, audiological, dental, educational and other examinations as needed.

Counsels patients and their parents regarding interpretation of test results and recommendations, and to better understand and deal with the child's needs at home.

Maintains liaison with other professionals and individuals concerned with each case to facilitate implementation of recommendations and to insure follow-up.

Keeps records on condition, progress and prognosis; prepares reports.

Participates in presenting workshops and lectures on speech and language abilities and communication disorders.

Trains para-professionals in speech/language screening procedures.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of speech/language pathology and of related anatomy and physiology.

Knowledge of diagnosis, care and treatment of speech/language problems.

Knowledge of pre-school language disorders.

Knowledge of methods and procedures of speech/language habilitation and rehabilitation.

Ability to apply the principles and methods of speech/language pathology to work situations.

Ability to organize and conduct speech/language screening and therapy programs.

Ability to identify concomitant problems that should be referred for further evaluations.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

Skill in the operation of sound recorders, audiometers and other specialized equipment used in speech and language pathology.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master's degree in speech/language pathology or closely related field which includes 300 hours of supervised clinical practicum.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:

Possession of a certificate of clinical competence in speech or language pathology or eligibility for Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) under guidelines of American Speech/Language/Hearing Association.

Established: July 1980

Pay Range: 30



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