

Specification for Class of

AUDIOLOGIST

**Abolished Effective July 1, 2007**

Definition: Directs, plans and organizes the audiology services program which includes one or more of the following: direction of Communication Development/ Communication Disorder Program support personnel, direction of the audiology program in an institution under direction of an administrative superior, or within the Division of Developmental Disabilities residential facility provides campus-wide services as a professional member of an interdisciplinary team.

Typical Work

Directs and/or participates in ongoing evaluation of residents or patients to determine individuals requiring more extensive evaluation of hearing disabilities, routine evaluation of new admissions;

Plans and provides for evaluation and treatment of individuals including: the provision for follow-up auditory threshold evaluations on persons failing the initial test measures and on those who are unable to participate in routine evaluation procedures, behavioral observation audiometry techniques, visual reinforcement audiometry techniques, play audiometry, standard pure tone or speech audiometry techniques, site of lesion testing, impedance audiometry, TROCA (tangible reinforcement operant conditioning audiometry) and other advanced testing techniques such as auditory brainstem response audiometry;

Provides non-medical rehabilitation services to persons when appropriate, including: hearing aid selection, fitting and training procedures, use of auditory training equipment, application of audiometry training, speech reading, sign language training and counseling procedures, and preventative hearing conservation measures;

Confers with clinical personnel, teachers and family regarding progress and training procedures; assists other professional staff in total evaluation of clients; provides consultative services to other departments and agencies;

Makes medical, audiological, communication, or other referrals as appropriate; secures recommended treatment and adequate follow-up care;

Maintains records of audiological evaluations, medical history, treatment, training and follow-up care;

Conducts research in hearing; conducts orientation and in-service training;

Directs and monitors delivery of hearing portions of individual Habilitation/ Treatment Plans for each resident; serves as a member of an Interdisciplinary Team;

Prepares budget estimates for hearing identification program covering personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities;

Conducts audiometric equipment checks and assists in calibration procedures;

Performs other related work as required.

#### Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: anatomy and physiology of auditory mechanism; specialized equipment and testing techniques used in evaluation and treatment of hearing and other communication disorders associated with hearing impairment; evaluation and remedial procedures and techniques of hearing disorders, identification and treatment; principles and techniques of aural habilitation/rehabilitation; psychoacoustics; principles of psychology and child development; educational and psychological needs of persons with communicative disorders; language development; theories of learning; diagnostic and treatment techniques of otolaryngologists and neurologists; community resources in hearing and speech rehabilitation.

Ability to: use specialized equipment for evaluation and remediation of communication disorders associated with hearing impairment; establish and maintain effective relationships with individuals and groups; speak and write effectively; supervise professional staff; coordinate treatment with other professional staff; work as member of interdisciplinary team.

#### Minimum Qualifications

A Master's degree with major study in audiology which includes both course work and student practicum hours, complying with standards established by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology as issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

OR

Documentation of American Speech-Language-Hearing Association approved equivalent to the Master's degree consisting of approved curriculum and student practicum hours and certification of Clinical Competence in Audiology as issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

NOTE: The Certificate of Clinical Competence is not given prior to completion of the full-time experience requirement ("Clinical Fellowship Year").

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