# Job Summary:

Prescribe, fit and monitor the use and functioning of students' amplification systems and hearing assistance technology (HAT) to maximize hearing in the educational environment. Provide support to parents and staff in the development of auditory skills for deaf and hard of hearing students. Collaborate with county and district staff and personnel to provide the least restrictive environment for special education students.

# **DISTINGUISHING CAREER FEATURES:**

The educational audiologist is required to have sufficient skills to independently prescribe, fit and monitor the use and functioning of students' amplification systems to maximize hearing in the educational environment.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Monitor use and function of hearing devices used by deaf and hard of hearing students (such as hearing aids, cochlear implants and HAT, such as personal frequency modulated (FM) and digitally modulated (DM), sound field and classroom audio distribution systems (CADS)).
- Provide the full range of diagnostic audiologic testing and habilitative/rehabilitative audiology services for individuals from birth to age 21 years who are enrolled in parent infant programs or schools in Tulare County.
- Refer students and families to health care providers, medical facilities, and community agencies for appropriate hearing health care services.
- > Counsel students and parents regarding potential impact of hearing loss on learning and communication.
- Consult with parents, administrators and teachers regarding curriculum and auditory skills development.
- Consult with classroom teachers regarding proper care and use of HAT to ensure understanding of monitoring requirements of equipment and personal hearing aids of students.
- Serve as a member of the IEP team to assist in assessing, developing and implementing appropriate IEP goals for deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Maintain inventory of audiology equipment and supplies and Tulare County owned HAT and ensure their proper maintenance and function.
- Maintain current professional knowledge through such activities as developing, presenting, attending, etc., conferences, seminars, workshops, in-services and online training activities.
- > Maintain current affiliations with local, state and national professional organizations.

# Knowledge, Skills and/or Abilities Required:

# Knowledge of:

- Diagnostic procedures and equipment necessary for assessing and identifying hearing impaired infants and students.
- > Procedures and equipment necessary for evaluating and programming personal hearing aids and HAT.
- > Current educational learning theories, strategies and procedures.
- > Calibration procedures for various specialized equipment necessary for the evaluation of hearing, hearing aids and HAT.

#### Ability to:

- Assess the degree of impairment of infants and students with suspected or confirmed hearing loss and provide appropriate recommendations for habilitation/rehabilitation and educational accommodations.
- Assist in developing and implementing programs and educational strategies to meet the needs of hearing impaired students, including the use of personal hearing aids and HAT.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with students, parents, teachers, administrators and various public and private agencies.
- Effectively communicate abstract ideas and information orally and in writing.
- > Effective time management to meet goals, objectives and deadlines.

#### **Physical Abilities:**

- Set or stand for extended periods.
- Manage and move equipment and material of approximately 40 pounds.
- Ability to travel as needed to different school sites.

### **Education and Experience:**

- Doctoral degree in audiology from accredited college or university preferred.
- > Minimum of three years of experience as an educational audiologist preferred.

### Certifications, Licenses, Clearances, Testing and/or Bonding Required:

- > Valid California Audiology license.
- National certification in Audiology.
- > California Clinical Rehab Services in Audiology preferred.
- > Valid California driver's license and proof of automobile insurance.
- > Department of Justice and FBI fingerprint response.

# FLSA Status: Exempt

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This organization is a Drug and Tobacco - Free Workplace.

This organization requires a successful candidate to provide it with employment eligibility and verification of a legal right to work in the United States in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act.