

## **JOB DESCRIPTION: EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGIST**

**Purpose:** The Educational Audiologist will focus their practice on supporting students with hearing difficulties in an educational setting by evaluating the student's hearing, listening, and auditory processing deficits that can affect their academic success, communication abilities and psychosocial well-being. The Educational Audiologist participates in the evaluation of each child identified and referred by NSSEO member or local school districts. The audiologist is guided by best practices and codes of ethics that are outlined by his or her professional organizations.

**Reports to:** Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program Coordinator

### **Essential Job Functions**

1. Participate as a member of the multidisciplinary professional team for the purpose of meeting the hearing needs of children and students ages 0-21.
2. Provide diagnostic services to evaluate hearing and auditory processing and identify the need for amplification and hearing assistance technology including candidacy for personal hearing aids and/or assistive listening devices to support students in their education environments.
3. Provides educationally relevant interpretation of audiologic findings and make recommendations for interpreters/translators.
4. Participates in the Individualized Education Plan to develop educational recommendations, including communication accommodations and assistance with transition planning.
5. Participates in the development and implementation of goals for auditory skill development
6. Provides counseling to parents and students regarding audiologic findings, hearing loss impact, and amplification benefit
7. Provides direct intervention services in audiologic rehabilitation in collaboration with the speech-language pathologist and classroom teacher as recommended.
8. Collaborates with colleagues and parents in order to share information and expertise to plan and implement effective student programs
9. Facilitates local districts' compliance with the Child Hearing Test Act
10. Collaborates and consults with local district personnel regarding students who demonstrate auditory-based communication difficulties
11. Collaborates and consults with community audiologists and physicians regarding the audiologic and educational management of students with hearing loss
12. Provide consultation in regard to the selection, purchase, installation, maintenance, calibration checking and utilization of audiologic equipment.
13. Provide training about hearing, hearing loss, and other auditory disorders for school personnel, students, and parents to facilitate a better understanding of the impact of auditory impairments on language, learning, literacy, and social development.

14. Provides consultation and in-service to parents, students, and school personnel regarding hearing health care including topics such as room acoustics and hearing conservation

**Job Requirements: Minimum Qualifications:**

1. Master's or Doctoral degree in Audiology from an accredited University
2. Valid Illinois license to practice Audiology
3. Participate in twelve (12) hours of Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training and techniques.
4. Collaborate effectively with students, parents, and other professionals.

Specific skills related to proficient use of technology systems, computers and electronic communication devices and the ability to develop, implement, modify and assess student academic progress. Continued need to attend training and participate in professional development in order to update knowledge and to implement the curriculum and positive behavioral interventions effectively to meet the changing needs of students.

Ability is required to independently problem-solve, schedule daily activities, model good communication and to communicate and work effectively with professional staff and parents. Ability is required to monitor student academic performance and behaviors across setting and to physically position and manipulate students as necessary.

Responsibilities include: completing IEP updates within specified timeframes, working collaboratively with team members, parents, and administration, managing time and schedule efficiently, using specialized equipment effectively, maintaining confidentiality, meeting deadlines and schedules and making data-driven decisions for meaningful educational activities.

**Job Qualifications:**

- Master's or Doctoral degree in Audiology from an accredited university
- Valid license to practice Audiology in the state of Illinois

**Other Functions:**

1. Assume appropriate roles as adult model, behavior manager and educator.
2. Continue professional growth.
3. Communicate effectively and respect human diversity
4. Assume other duties and special projects as assigned.
5. Support NSSEO Policy, NSSEO and Governing Board Goals and Objectives, and The School Code of Illinois.

FLSA: Exempt

Date Approved: **4-7-14**

Salary Range: NSSEA Salary Schedule

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