

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3191

TITLE: SPEECH PATHOLOGIST II

GRADE: S-23

DEFINITION:

Under direction, provides diagnostic and therapeutic speech services; assists the clinic supervisor in planning and organizing speech pathology services; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This is the full-performance level of speech therapy.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Participates in the planning of schedules;

Participates in the development and revision of manuals, guides and resource materials;

Participates in the evaluation of existing programs and the development of new ones;

Promotes clinic speech services through in-service presentations, public speaking engagements and parent education programs;

Serves as liaison with other Health Department or County programs in need of speech services;

Participates in the recruitment of professional staff and in the supervision of graduate student trainees in speech pathology;

As required, maintains independent speech services in a Health Department office;

Evaluates all types of communication disorders and summarizes results in concise and accurate reports;

Plans and administers an individualized program of speech and/or language therapy;

Counsels the family concerning the nature and progress of the client's therapy, and suggests activities to be performed at home;

Conducts speech and language screenings in the County health setting;

Maintains regular therapy logs to be compiled periodically into a written progress report.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of speech pathology;

Knowledge of, and the ability to administer, various types of speech programs;

Knowledge of physical and psychological disabilities affecting speech, and of their social implications;

Skill in administering diagnostic tests and various types of speech programs;

Skill in communicating orally with clients and their families;

Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with clients, family members and professional colleagues;

Ability to evaluate existing programs and develop new ones;

Ability to work independently.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a master's degree in speech pathology; PLUS

One year of experience in speech pathology.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Certification in speech pathology by the American Speech and Hearing Association;

Must have a license in speech pathology issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Contingent upon area of assignment, some positions within this class will require a National Provider Identifier. Virginia licensure and ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence required.

Certification by Virginia as an Early Intervention Professional will need to be completed prior to start of work.

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