

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3192

TITLE: SPEECH PATHOLOGIST I

GRADE: S-21

DEFINITION:

Under close and instructional supervision, provides diagnostic and therapeutic speech services; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This is an entry-level class. Upon completion of the training and experience requirements, employees must be promoted, transferred, or dismissed.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Assists a higher-level Speech Pathologist with tasks in any phase of diagnostic and therapeutic speech work;
Evaluates all types of communication disorders, utilizing special tests and equipment;
Summarizes results of diagnostic evaluations in concise and accurate reports;
Devises and initiates home programs for improvement of communication skills;
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;
Participates in parent education and in-service programs.

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;
Ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with clients, family members and professional colleagues;
Ability to prepare accurate and concise reports.

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
Completion of academic and clinical practicum requirements for certification by the American Speech and Hearing Association.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Eligibility for a temporary or permanent license in speech pathology issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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