

CLASS TITLE:

PERIPATOLOGIST

Class Code: 02834200
Pay Grade: 25A
EO: B

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: As assigned, to be responsible for providing mobility and sense training to blind children in the local school systems, or, to provide mobility training, instruction and orientation to the adult blind in the community, home, training schools, work centers and industry; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of a superior with considerable latitude for the exercise of independent judgement; work is subject to review upon completion for conformance to agency policies and results obtained.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Exercises functional supervision in the form of guidance and direction involving procedures and techniques to be followed in the mobility and sense training of blind children or adults.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

As assigned, to be responsible for providing mobility and sense training to blind children in the local school systems, or, to provide mobility training, instruction and orientation to the adult blind in the community, home, training schools, work centers and industry.

To provide blind children or adults with specific procedures and techniques for self travel; to develop in such persons personnel habits in walking gait, posture, balance and sense of special judgement and direction; and to schedule instruction periods in the use of the long cane as a means of independent travel within the community, school, work areas and/or home environment.

To offer and provide guidance and direction to those persons directly involved with such blind individuals in continuing their learned experience in mobility and sense training.

To maintain individual records of all blind children or adults receiving mobility and sense training including background information, type and degree of instruction and training provided, progress made, and interpretation of results obtained.

To assist a superior in accepting, screening and testing potential blind clients referred for participation in a program of mobility orientation or reorientation and instruction by the school systems, public or private agencies, the community, work centers or industry.

To assist a superior in determining which blind children or adults should receive continuing and/or follow up training in mobility and sense training.

As required, to consult with medical and paramedical specialists to determine relative potentials and capacities of each blind child or adult for mobility instruction and training to insure that each client is trained to the greatest extent of his or her capacity.

To provide information and advice concerning mobility and sense training services to local school systems, public and private agencies, training school, work centers, and industry; and to coordinate such services, when provided, with such schools, agencies, organizations and industry including transportation arrangements and referrals for other services such as counseling, occupational therapy and vocational rehabilitation.

To prepare written reports, keep case records, dictate case histories and handle correspondence for each person accepted for mobility and sense training.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES: A thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of peripatology and the ability to apply such knowledge in providing mobility and sense training mobility and sense training to blind children or adults in the community; a working knowledge of educational principles, practices and techniques as they apply to blind children in the local school systems; a working knowledge of the various social and economic problems encountered by blind adults in the community, work centers and industry; a working knowledge of the mental and social problems, potentialities and limitations encountered in the education, training, instruction and orientation of blind children and adults in the community; the ability to provide guidance and instruction to those persons directly involved with blind individuals in continuing their learned experience in mobility and sense training; the ability to assist a superior in accepting, screening and testing potential blind clients referred for participation in a program of mobility orientation or reorientation and instruction as well as determining which individuals should receive continuing and/or follow up training; the ability to consult with medical and paramedical specialists to determine relative potentials and capacities of blind individuals for maximum mobility instruction and training; the ability to coordinate mobility and sense training services with schools, public and private agencies, organizations, and industry including transportation arrangements and referrals for other social and rehabilitation services; the ability to keep case records, prepare written reports and handle correspondence; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: possession of a Master's Degree with specialization in Peripatology; or,

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with specialization in either the Social or Behavioral Sciences; Education; Physical Education; Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy; Corrective Therapy; or, other Paramedical Therapies; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a responsible staff position providing mobility and sense training to blind individuals in a public or private agency serving the blind.

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