Specialized Programs Teacher Assistant

Position Details
Class Code: 0160
Job Family: Para-Professional/Aides/Assistants
Classification: Support Professional
Terms of Employment: Pay Grade 41 on the Support Professional Salary Schedule
FLSA STATUS: NON-EXEMPT

Position Summary
Under immediate supervision of a licensed teacher/professional, performs a variety of paraprofessional duties related to the educational program for special needs students.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities
This list of Essential Duties and Responsibilities is not exhaustive and may be supplemented.

1. Assists licensed teacher/professional with special education students in self-contained classrooms in all phases of educational and therapy programs.
2. Assists licensed teacher/professional in taking attendance, correcting papers, collecting money, and presenting instructional materials.
3. Assists licensed teacher/professional with student progress reports and student concerns.
4. Assists students with personal care.
5. Assists licensed teacher/professional in maintaining discipline and encouraging acceptable behavior.
6. Assists with supervision of playground activities.
7. Monitors students during assigned period within a variety of school environments (i.e., assemblies, athletic areas/fields, bus stops, cafeteria/multi-purpose room, classrooms, field trips, playgrounds, restrooms, etc.) for the purpose of
maintaining a safe and positive learning environment, which may include physical interventions (i.e., jogging or running after a student to prevent them from doing harm to him/herself or others).

8. May assist students with the use and/or physical needs of prosthetic devices.
9. May keep records and administer medication to students per parent/guardian authorization.
10. May assist with the loading and unloading of students transported by bus.
11. May assist in feeding students by preparing, distributing, ordering, and administering snacks and special meals.
12. May perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (CPR/AED), when necessary.
13. Conforms to safety standards, as prescribed.
14. Performs other tasks related to the position, as assigned.

Distinguishing Characteristics
Involves tasks directly associated with assisting licensed teachers/professionals in the special education programs of a school, such as:

1. Self-contained (regular campus)
2. Visually impaired (regular campus)
3. Hearing impaired (special schools)
4. Adaptive physical education
5. Medically fragile
6. Severe/profound
7. Special education transportation aide

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (Position Expectations)

1. Knowledge of CPR/AED and Universal Precautions.
2. Ability to work effectively with special needs students.
3. Ability to interpret and apply verbal and written instructions.
4. Ability to perform several tasks and determine priorities.
5. Ability to deal with unusual behavior and crisis situations.
6. Ability to learn and apply school rules, regulations, and procedures.
7. Ability to complete routine records.
8. Ability to recognize and report hazards and apply safe work methods.
9. Possess physical and mental stamina commensurate with the responsibilities of the position.
Position Requirements

Education, Training, and Experience
High school graduation or other equivalent (i.e., General Educational Development (GED), foreign equivalency, etc.).

Licenses and Certifications
1. A valid driver’s license or state-issued identification card.
2. Current CPR/AED certificate from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other similar organization. Certification must be maintained for the duration of the assignment. Certification training must be in-person and include a hands-on component. Online courses will not be accepted. A copy of the front and back of the CPR/AED certificate must be uploaded into the application.

Preferred Qualifications
1. Signing abilities (for the hearing-impaired program).
2. One (1) year experience working with special education children.

Document(s) Required at Time of Application
1. High school transcript or other equivalent (i.e., GED, foreign equivalency, etc.).
2. Copy of a valid driver’s license or state-issued identification card.
3. Current CPR/AED certificate as indicated above. A copy of the front and back of the CPR/AED certificate must be uploaded into the application.
4. Specific documented evidence of training and experience to satisfy qualifications.

Examples of Assigned Work Areas
Clark County School District schools - cafeteria/multi-purpose room, classrooms, health office, locker rooms, playgrounds, other designated school areas (i.e. athletic areas/fields, bus stops), etc.

Work Environment

Strength
Sedentary to heavy - exert force of 10-100 lbs., occasionally/frequently/constantly.
Physical Demand
Frequent sitting, carrying, climbing, balancing, crouching, jogging, running, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, stooping, kneeling, reaching, handling, and repetitive fine motor activities. Mobility to work in a typical classroom/office setting and use standard classroom/office equipment. Stamina to remain seated and maintain concentration for an extended period of time. Hearing and speech to communicate in person, via video conferences and computers, or over the telephone. Vision: Frequent near acuity, occasional far acuity, and color vision. Vision to read printed and online materials, a Video Display Terminal (VDT) screen, or other monitoring devices.

Environmental Conditions
Exposure to climate-controlled office settings to outside weather with temperatures ranging from mild/moderate to extreme cold/heat. May involve exposure to noise levels ranging from moderate to very loud for occasional to frequent time periods.

Hazards
Furniture, playground/office equipment, communicable diseases, chemicals, and fumes (as related to specific assignment), and power/hand-operated equipment and machinery (as related to specific assignment).

Examples of Equipment/Supplies Used to Perform Tasks
Thermometers, splints, first aid supplies, catheters, and other drainage tubes, blood glucose monitoring supplies, blood pressure cuff/stethoscope, instalines (vision screening), audiometers (hearing screening), computers (i.e., notebooks, laptops, tablets, etc.), smart interactive white boards, telephones, copy machines, etc.

AA/EOE Statement
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