

## SPEECH PATHOLOGY SPECIALIST

### KIND OF WORK

Advanced professional work in the diagnosis and treatment of speech defects.

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class is responsible for the design, delivery, and evaluation of speech therapy programs for residents in a state institution. Responsibilities include design and delivery of speech therapy in-service training programs for institution staff.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Assesses residents' communication needs and develops goals.

Designs, implements and evaluates goal specific speech therapy programs for residents.

Prepares case history reports.

Designs and provides classroom training for residents.

Organizes audiology clinics for testing and diagnosis of residents' hearing problems.

Designs speech therapy training programs and provides in-service training to institution professional and paraprofessional staff.

May serve as consultant to institution staff and participate in team meetings.

Communicates residents' needs and progress to staff, parents and guardians.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Considerable knowledge of physical and psychological causes of speech defects and their manifestations.

Considerable knowledge of neurology.

Considerable knowledge of language and cognitive language development.

Considerable knowledge of speech pathology theories and treatment methods.

Ability to:

Communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Design and teach speech therapy in-service training courses.

Develop language/articulation/voice rhythm therapy plans.

Assess speech and hearing disorders.

Determine appropriate communicate modes for residents.

Possession of a Master's degree in Speech Therapy or equivalent.

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Former Title(s):