

SPEECH THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a technical professional position responsible for providing speech therapy by administering prescribed treatment and diagnostic tests to clients. Work is performed under general supervision with leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in the performance of professional responsibilities. Supervision of others is not normally a function of this position. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Administers diagnostic tests for hearing, articulation, connected speech, discrimination, ability to be stimulated, and speech and verbal comprehension; Evaluates findings from speech and hearing screenings and develops remedial therapy programs; Coordinates the delivery of follow-up services; Instructs clients on the proper use and maintenance of hearing aids; Prepares evaluations and progress reports; Attends meetings regarding services; Maintains records for each client serviced.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of speech and hearing disorders; Good knowledge of speech therapy equipment and skill in its use; Good knowledge of socio-economic factors affecting speech disabilities; Good knowledge of community resources available to support or supplement a speech therapy program; Ability to administer tests and record results of speech and hearing disorders; Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; Patience; Tact; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State recognized college or university with a bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Therapy, Speech and Hearing Sciences, Speech Audiology and Pathology or an equivalent degree and one year of fulltime paid or equivalent paid parttime experience in speech therapy.

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