

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of language, voice and speech disorders. The work is performed upon the written order or referral of a physician who provides medical direction. Supervision of others is not normally a function of this position. A Speech Pathologist does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Provides speech pathology treatment services in accordance with accepted professional standards and practices including muscular coordination exercises, sensory stimulation and association training and language development activities using electronic equipment;
- Evaluates the degree of function and disability of patients unless contradicted by professional judgment or by the attending physician;
- Plans and develops remedial programs designed to restore or improve communication efficiency;
- Maintains program records including but not limited to service budget, monthly statistical reports, listing the number of patients treated, admitted and discharged, evaluations, re-evaluations, types of conditions seen and number of patients on a visiting list for evaluations or treatment programs;
- Consults with Medical Director on subjects of a professional medical nature;
- Integrates treatment plans into total care plans in consultation with patients, physicians and other personnel providing patient care;
- Participates in patient care review conferences;
- Develops or assists in the development of speech pathology policies and procedures;
- Records on patients charts all evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultations and discharge summaries;
- Assists in the development of and participates in the facility's in-service education program.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of speech pathology; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting speech disabilities; good knowledge of community resources available to support or supplement speech pathology programs; ability to prepare accurate reports; ability to secure the cooperation of patients; good professional judgment; ability to establish and maintain satisfactory working relationships with others; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Speech Pathologist.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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