

**OFFICE OF MARY C. BARLOW  
KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SPECIALIST, VISUALLY HANDICAPPED  
IN MOBILITY AND ORIENTATION**

Certificated Job Description

**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:**

Coordinator, Special Education Programs

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Orient the student to his environment (classroom, school, home, neighborhood, city, etc.) to ensure safe, confident, efficient and independent mobility within that environment.
2. Training in such areas as concept development, gross motor development, posture, kinesthetic perception, body parts and functions, sensory discrimination (tactual, olfactory and auditory), direction-taking, basic mobility skills and techniques (cane and sighted guides).
3. Maintain daily plans and records of progress made at each lesson.
4. Work cooperatively with parents and classroom teachers.
5. Encourage the children, reinforce and supplement the orientation and mobility training, and develop an attitude of confidence toward the child rather than one of overprotection or fear.
6. Keep abreast of the latest devices and aids and teaching techniques in the field.
7. Attendance at professional meetings and workshops.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

A. Personal Qualifications:

1. Sincere interest in and empathy for children with visual handicaps.
2. Physical stamina and coordination should be emphasized as the position requires a great deal of physical activity.
3. Must possess a private vehicle, valid California driver's license and carry current automobile insurance with at least minimum coverage for public liability and property damage.
4. Fingerprint clearance by both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the California Department of Justice is a condition of appointment after all other required job conditions have been met.

B. Professional Qualifications:

1. Have a clear understanding of the individual problems faced by the child with visual handicaps in adjusting to his environment and should realize the importance of instilling confidence to ensure his functioning as an independent member of society; to accomplish this, must also display a sense of confidence in himself or herself and in his or her job.
2. Ability to work effectively and cooperatively with students, parents, classroom teachers, supervisors and other school personnel.
3. Must present verification of completion of Child Abuse Mandated Reporter training or obtain verification within six (6) weeks of hire and annually thereafter, as required by the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.

**TRAINING AND/OR CREDENTIALS**

A. Education:

1. Must hold a restricted credential authorizing service as a teacher of the visually handicapped in mobility.
2. Must hold the Bachelor of Arts degree.

B. Experience:

3. Minimum teaching experience would be successful field experience in mobility and orientation.
4. Highly desirable experience would also include classroom teaching experience with the visually handicapped and/or experience in teaching mobility and orientation.

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