

**DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**  
**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**EDUCATION CONSULTANT FOR THE BLIND  
(MOBILITY INSTRUCTION) (Unclassified)**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!**

**Open To:** The Public

**Location:** 184 Windsor Avenue, Windsor, CT

**Job Posting No:** 83378/83379

**Hours:** Monday to Friday, 35 hours per week

**Bargaining Unit:** Education Professions (P3B)

**Salary:** \$56,481\* - \$63,462 Annually  
\*Employees new to state service start at the minimum of the range

**Closing Date:** June 2, 2015 – June 16, 2015

The Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind, is recruiting for two (2) Education Consultants for the Blind (Mobility Instructor). Within the Children's Services Program at the Department of Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind, the selected candidate would be responsible for providing direct instruction in safe travel techniques to children who are blind; consultation services to school district staff, parents, professionals and paraprofessionals who interact with children on assigned caseload.

**Examples of Duties:** Plans and administers a program of independent travel instruction for blind children and youth to whom the program may be applicable; assesses skill levels of clients to determine instructional needs; supervises and instructs in all techniques of independent travel such as the use of cane and other guide devices; arranges the program to suit individual needs; instructs in safety measures for the protection of individuals; aids the blind in orienting themselves to the community and in areas where they would have occasion to travel; makes recommendations for modifications to the environment for safety; participates in planning and placement team meetings; conducts mobility training at expanded core curriculum group activities; may speak before lay and professional groups; keeps records and submits reports on individuals and the program in general; does related work as required. Extensive travel throughout the state is required.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:** Knowledge of the principles and methods of education of the blind and visually disabled with emphasis on mobility instruction; some knowledge of eye diseases and of the psychological effects of blindness; oral and written communication skills; interpersonal skills; ability to deal effectively with others.

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**General Experience:** Six (6) years of experience in teaching blind or visually disabled children or adults.

**Special Experience:** One (1) year of the General Experience must have been in mobility instruction.

#### Substitutions Allowed:

1. College training with special courses in the education of the blind may be substituted for the General Experience on the basis of fifteen (15) semester hours equaling one-half (1/2) year to a maximum of four (4) years for a Bachelor's degree.
2. A Master's Degree in the field of mobility training may be substituted for the General and Special Experience.

#### Special Requirements:

1. Possession of a certificate in Orientation and Mobility from a recognized national, state or professional organization.
2. Incumbents in this class may be required to travel.

**Note:** The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

**Application Instructions: Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit the following and forward as indicated below:**

1. State of Connecticut Application for Employment (CT-HR-12), available online at: [www.das.state.ct.us/exam/default.asp#APPLICATION\\_FORMS](http://www.das.state.ct.us/exam/default.asp#APPLICATION_FORMS).
2. Copy of College transcript(s) (Original will be required upon hire)
3. Three (3) professional reference letters from current and/or former supervisors, or performance appraisals.
4. Candidates currently employed in state service, please submit your two (2) most recent service ratings in lieu of references with your application materials.

**[DORS.Recruitment@ct.gov](mailto:DORS.Recruitment@ct.gov)**

**THE POSTING NUMBER MUST BE IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF THE EMAIL**

or

**Department of Rehabilitation Services  
55 Farmington Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT 06105  
ATTN: Human Resources**

**Incomplete, blank or late applications will not be considered. Also, no fax or hand-delivered copies will be accepted.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The primary contact method will be via email if provided on your application.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE June 16, 2015**

#### **AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER**

The State of Connecticut is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages the applications of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities.