

Job Posting

Title: Braille Literacy Instructor

Location: Spokane, WA

Dept.: ECS

Reports to: ECS Services and Instructional Manager

Status/Shift: Full-Time/M-F

Salary: $26/hour

The Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc. transforms the lives of people who are blind, DeafBlind, and blind with other disabilities. Through employment opportunities, we are a catalyst for empowerment. We foster self-confidence and instill a life changing affirmation that independence is possible. From our expertise in cutting-edge technology to our understanding of mobility, we help people who are blind and DeafBlind live fulfilling lives.

We believe everyone, no matter their vision abilities, deserves to experience the power of employment. Our goal for each person we reach is to ignite a fire of determination that is centered on the reality that blindness doesn’t define who you are or how you choose to live.

Purpose:

The primary purpose of this position is to develop and deliver comprehensive braille training to employees at all locations, including Inland Northwest Lighthouse, Seattle, Summerville, and other locations as needed; manage braille materials, manage Braille Reading Library, and facilitate reading practice groups and other learning activities.

**Responsibilities:**

* Schedule and conduct preliminary assessments / evaluations to determine the participant's needs and the appropriate course of training
* Work with primary supervisor and Employee & Community Services (ECS) management to develop long-term succession strategies and long-term viability of Braille Services
* Teach use of Perkins Brailler and slate & stylus
* Teach Contracted, Uncontracted, and UEB Braille to adult learners
* Teach computer Braille as appropriate
* Design an individualized syllabus for participants, and follow ECS department training approach and philosophy
* Research and implement distance curricula
* Stay current with best practices and new approaches for providing quality braille instruction
* Keep departmental and other agency records as required.
* Provide status reports using results of quizzes, tests, assessments
* Complete statistics and outcomes reporting as required
* Develop and implement necessary structures for braille training to be provided at all Lighthouse facilities
* Maintain a clean and orderly Braille Reading Library
* Demonstrate and model a positive attitude toward the use of braille
* Provide ongoing support, training and resources to assist in readying internship employees to take the required Braille Literacy Usage Exam
* Performs other duties as assigned

**Minimum Requirements:**

* Bachelor’s degree in rehabilitation teaching, education or equivalent experience and education; teaching credential preferred
* Minimum 3 years Braille teaching required
* WA UEB (formerly BLUE) certification or ability to have this status within the first 90-days of employment required
* Ability to teach braille in both one-on-one and group settings, including providing virtual training
* Mature judgment and sensitivity in interpersonal relations and among diverse groups
* Ability to actively engage and teach the new Unified English Braille (UEB) code is required
* Effective teaching approach working with those who are blind or have low vision
* Ability to research and create effective curricula
* In-depth knowledge of braille code
* Ability to take initiative, function autonomously, and be dependable.
* Knowledge and understanding of Unified English Braille (UEB)
* Excellent written and oral communication skills.
* Ability to work schedule as assigned.

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