**Job Announcement**

**Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss**

**Duluth, Minnesota**

**Vision rehabilitation instructor**

**May 20, 2014**

The Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss in Duluth, Minnesota is seeking a talented instructor to teach daily living skills and recreation/leisure classes to our clients who have vision loss. Either a full-time or part-time position may be possible.

The Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss is an innovative, regional agency serving northeastern Minnesota and parts of Wisconsin. We provide both center-based and in-home services to clients who range in age from transition-aged youth through seniors. We also operate a Low Vision Store, and we provide trainings to professionals and community members in a range of settings. The agency has operated successfully in Duluth for nearly 100 years.

**Job Description:** The instructor may teach classes in techniques of daily living, leisure, coping strategies for adjusting to vision loss, and other related classes. He/she will also likely lead support groups.

The instructor will also be part of our agency’s new “Safe at Home with Vision Loss” initiative for seniors. Tasks may include taking incoming calls from seniors or others calling on their behalf, providing in-home assessment and training to seniors and their caregivers, and make referrals to other community service providers for other needed services.

The instructor will also be asked to assist with other organizational needs. Specific assignments will depend on the candidates skills and other workload, but could include: serving clients in our Low Vision Store (consulting re: magnification and other adaptive products); providing case coordination services; participating in other aspects of program development activities; assisting with public relations work and writing needs for the organization; and assisting with program evaluation activities, such as client surveys or maintaining and compiling program data.

Occasional travel in the community and within the region will be required. Typical work hours are be Monday through Friday 8 to 4:30, but some flexibility in work schedule will be necessary, including occasional weekend and evening work.

The instructor will work under the direction of the Executive Director and, for Safe at Home with Vision Loss work, under the direction of the Safe at Home with Vision Loss Project Director.

**Required qualifications:**

* Demonstrated ability to teach/train effectively.
* Demonstrated interest in serving individuals with vision loss and/or other disabilities.
* Proficiency with basic computer applications (e.g. Microsoft Word).
* Demonstrated ability to be a creative problem-solver and to work productively and collaboratively as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
* Willingness and ability to fulfill multiple roles within the organization, in addition to providing instructional services.
* Flexibility to operate well in a climate of change and innovation.
* Commitment to become a qualified rehabilitation teacher for individuals with vision loss according to Minnesota State Services for the Blind standards. Candidates who do not have all the skills to receive this certification at time of hire must commit to going through necessary training.

**Additional qualifications that would be strong assets:**

* ACVREP certification preferred. Additional certification as in orientation and mobility (COMS) would be a strong additional asset.
* Experience and interest in program development
* Experience and interest in program management
* Excellent writing skills.
* Strong computer skills, for instance relating to databases, PowerPoint, website work, Publisher.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with experience and skills. Benefits available for positions at 24 hours per week or more. Benefits include health insurance, vacation, life insurance, and retirement (403b) plan.

**Please send letter of interest and resume to:**

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