**MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Title Code/Position Title: Training/Research Coordinator**

**Older Blind Specialist**

Department: The NRTC on Blindness and Low Vision

Department Profile: See the department website: [www.blind.msstate.edu](http://www.blind.msstate.edu)

Position Function

The Training/Research Associate will perform a variety of duties to assist with training, knowledge translation, and technical assistance activities of the National Research and Training Center (NRTC) on Blindness and Low Vision. The Training/Research Associate is part of the research and training team and exercises considerable independence and technical judgment in performance of duties.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

The Training/Research Associate will assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive training and technical assistance program for agencies and individuals who provide services to persons who are aging with blindness and low vision. This program will include development and implementation of research-based training and technical assistance activities, distance education/training, development of web-based technical assistance content, program evaluation activities, providing technical assistance to program administrators and providing training at workshops and conferences. The Training/Research Associate will also provide assistance with research projects and in the development of reports and peer-reviewed publications.

Minimum Qualifications

The successful candidate will have a Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, Gerontology, Vision Rehabilitation Therapy/Rehabilitation Teaching, Orientation & Mobility, or a closely related field, and at least three years of experience working directly with senior adults with vision loss. The candidate should possess excellent written, verbal communication, and interpersonal skills.

Preferred Qualifications

* Certification credentials/licensure in at least one rehabilitation-related area
* Experience presenting to groups of people
* Knowledge and experience in the use of current and emerging assistive technology used by persons who have visual impairments
* Knowledge of the special needs of senior adults with vision loss
* Ability to develop and implement training evaluations
* Expertise with a variety of software, including word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation

Persons with disabilities, especially those with vision impairments, are urged to apply. *Use PARF #---- to search for job on MSU Jobs site:* [*https://www.jobs.msstate.edu/*](https://www.jobs.msstate.edu/)