**Rehabilitation Counselor/Training Specialist**

The National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision (NRTC) at Mississippi State University invites applications for a Rehabilitation Counselor/Training Specialist position. The mission of the NRTC is to enhance employment and independent living outcomes for individuals who are blind or visually impaired through research, training, education, and dissemination. We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic candidate to help us implement new research, training, and technical assistance activities.

Primary responsibilities of this position are assisting with research and training activities under the direction of experienced staff members and providing technical assistance to individuals who are blind, their families, and service providers. The Rehabilitation Counselor/Training Specialist will assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive research-to-practice training and technical assistance program related to blindness and low vision rehabilitation. Specific duties include curriculum development; implementation of research-based training activities; development of web-based technical assistance content; providing training at workshops, conferences, and in college classes; marketing of training activities; and assisting with research projects and in the development of reports and peer-reviewed publications.

Minimum qualifications are:

* Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, Vision Rehabilitation Therapy/ Rehabilitation Teaching, Orientation & Mobility, Special Education, or a closely related field
* At least three years of experience working directly with persons with vision loss
* Excellent communication, technical writing, and interpersonal skills

Preferred qualifications are:

* Certification credentials/licensure in at least one rehabilitation-related area
* Knowledge of job development strategies
* 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
* Ability to develop and implement training evaluations
* Expertise with a variety of software, including word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation

If you are interested in helping the NRTC accomplish its mission, please apply for the position at Mississippi State University’s website: https://www.jobs.msstate.edu, PARF Number 9284 (job title – Research Associate II/III, Area of Specialization – Rehabilitation/Training), and submit a letter of application, resume or curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for at least three references to Michele McDonnall at m.mcdonnall@msstate.edu. Contact Michele McDonnall at 662-325-2001 if you have questions. View the NRTC website at <http://blind.msstate.edu/>

We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.