**Older Blind Specialist**

The National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision (NRTC) at Mississippi State University invites applications for an Older Blind 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.

Primary responsibilities of this position are to 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 Older Blind Specialist is part of the research and training team and exercises considerable independence and technical judgment in performance of duties. The Older Blind Specialist 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 Older Blind Specialist will also provide assistance with research projects and in the development of reports and peer-reviewed publications.

Minimum Qualifications are:

* Master’s degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, Gerontology, Vision Rehabilitation Therapy/Rehabilitation Teaching, Orientation & Mobility, or a closely related field
* At least three years of experience working directly with senior adults with vision loss.
* Excellent written, verbal communication, and interpersonal skills.

Preferred Qualifications are:

* 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

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 9285 (job title – Research Associate II/III, Area of Specialization – Older Blind Specialist), and submit a letter of application, resume or curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for at least three references to NRTCjobs@colled.msstate.edu. Contact B. J. LeJeune at 662-325-2001 if you have questions. Persons with disabilities, especially those with vision impairments, are urged to apply. 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.