

Job Summary:

Prescribe, fit and monitor the use and functioning of students' amplification systems and hearing assistance technology (HAT) to maximize hearing in the educational environment. Provide support to parents and staff in the development of auditory skills for deaf and hard of hearing students. Collaborate with county and district staff and personnel to provide the least restrictive environment for special education students.

DISTINGUISHING CAREER FEATURES:

The educational audiologist is required to have sufficient skills to independently prescribe, fit and monitor the use and functioning of students' amplification systems to maximize hearing in the educational environment.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Monitor use and function of hearing devices used by deaf and hard of hearing students (such as hearing aids, cochlear implants and HAT, such as personal frequency modulated (FM) and digitally modulated (DM), sound field and classroom audio distribution systems (CADS)).
- Provide the full range of diagnostic audiologic testing and habilitative/rehabilitative audiology services for individuals from birth to age 21 years who are enrolled in parent infant programs or schools in Tulare County.
- Refer students and families to health care providers, medical facilities, and community agencies for appropriate hearing health care services.
- Counsel students and parents regarding potential impact of hearing loss on learning and communication.
- Consult with parents, administrators and teachers regarding curriculum and auditory skills development.
- Consult with classroom teachers regarding proper care and use of HAT to ensure understanding of monitoring requirements of equipment and personal hearing aids of students.
- Serve as a member of the IEP team to assist in assessing, developing and implementing appropriate IEP goals for deaf and hard of hearing students.
- Maintain inventory of audiology equipment and supplies and Tulare County owned HAT and ensure their proper maintenance and function.
- Maintain current professional knowledge through such activities as developing, presenting, attending, etc., conferences, seminars, workshops, in-services and online training activities.
- Maintain current affiliations with local, state and national professional organizations.

Knowledge, Skills and/or Abilities Required:

Knowledge of:

- Diagnostic procedures and equipment necessary for assessing and identifying hearing impaired infants and students.
- Procedures and equipment necessary for evaluating and programming personal hearing aids and HAT.
- Current educational learning theories, strategies and procedures.
- Calibration procedures for various specialized equipment necessary for the evaluation of hearing, hearing aids and HAT.

Ability to:

- Assess the degree of impairment of infants and students with suspected or confi