

Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Salary Range $31,500 - $55,125 Annually

Characteristics of Work - The position of a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist is considered a professional position within the Mississippi School for the Blind, the scope of which includes but is not limited to:

* Instructional planning – Planning and delivery of individualized O&M instruction through the review and interpretation of relevant records and reports; development of O&M goals and objectives/benchmarks for individualized programs; selection and preview of potential training areas (e.g., home, school, work, or community); design and/or procurement of instructional materials and appropriate devices (with appropriate medical consultation regarding optical devices); provision of accurate information regarding options for mobility systems (e.g., long cane, dog guide, electronic travel devices) to student and family so that students can make informed choices regarding the most appropriate option for a given time; collaboration with student, family, and colleagues to develop appropriate goals and behavioral objectives; and development and sequencing of individual lessons based on student abilities, needs, and goals.
* Instructional delivery- Effectively teach and reinforce elements of O&M instruction across a range of environments such as indoor, residential, and community. Teach use of optical and non-optical low vision devices for O&M tasks. Adapt instructional strategies for students with additional disabilities, e.g., physical impairments, cognitive disabilities, multiple disabilities, hearing impairments, traumatic brain injury, etc.
* O&M assessment - Plan and conduct individualized comprehensive O&M assessments, synthesize the findings in a professionally written report, and communicate results with students, families, and members of the interdisciplinary team, as appropriate. Conduct ongoing assessment to monitor progress, to determine the need for change in instructional strategy or O&M program, and to determine when the skill level is sufficient to demonstrate mastery. Determine appropriate mobility device and/or system including, but not limited to human guide, long cane, dog guide, ETA, functional vision, and AMD. In conjunction with eye care professionals, determine the most appropriate low vision device and provide instruction to student in its’ use.
* Professionalism - find and accesses appropriate resources, keep on-time scheduling, follow and maintain appropriate record keeping and reporting procedures, and demonstrate professional conduct consistent with the Code of Ethics for Orientation & Mobility Specialists and The Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct.

Qualifications – Applicants must possess ACVREP COMS certification. Experience working with children with visual impairments is preferred. A valid class A educator license issued by the Mississippi Department of Education with a 218 endorsement is preferred. A Class D Commercial Driver’s License is preferred.

Interested candidates should submit application, resume, letter of interest and proof of credentials to crowcliff@mdek12.org or to racord@mdek12.org