



Role: Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Reports to: Senior Director, Programs

Supervision of: None

Location: Santa Ana, CA

Hours: Full time, Exempt, At-Will

Salary: \$75,000.00 - \$105,000.00 depending on experience

About Beyond Blindness

Beyond Blindness is a California Nonprofit Corporation founded in 1962 whose mission is to empower children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential. We envision a world where all children, no matter their abilities, are equipped to live full and rewarding lives. We value people first, championing and building upon the inherent strengths and value within each child, as well as Family, Connection, Impact, Inclusion, Stewardship, and Optimism.

Beyond Blindness is the only organization of its kind in Southern California that provides all of the support and services — outside of medical care — that children with visual impairments and other disabilities need to develop to their highest potential and live fulfilling lives. Beyond Blindness is a one-stop support resource for these children, and their families, and provides services in clients' homes, at its location in Santa Ana, and in schools throughout Orange County.

Overview of the Role

The Teacher of the Visually Impaired is responsible for providing special education for visually impaired children. These teachers are required to collaborate with educational teams and parents to develop and implement Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) that are tailored according to the needs and abilities of their students. As an itinerant teacher, they must develop a collaborative relationship with the student's regular classroom teacher to create a positive and constructive classroom environment. This successful collaboration allows for the greatest excitement to learn and practice self-expression among the visually impaired students. Visually impaired teachers must also work closely with special education teachers to adhere to federal and state education laws and procedures.

Duties

You will perform all the duties of a certified Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

- Being an itinerant teacher
- Instruct in braille, technology, and daily living skills
- Perform assessments
- Communicate between parents, students, school districts & Beyond Blindness staff
- Teach all components of the expanded core curriculum
- Work with a wide variety of students, including regular education, multiply impaired, and resource students
- Other duties as assigned by your supervisor

Educational Requirements

- Specialist Instruction in Special Education - Visually Handicapped (Required)
- Provisional Internship Permit - Visual Impairments (May be used in place of Specialist Instruction in Special Education)



- Short-Term Staff Permit - Visual Impairments (May be used in place of Specialist Instruction in Special Education)

Benefits

- Generous PTO plan and fourteen (14) paid holidays.
- Competitive medical, dental and vision insurance, 401(k) and other benefits.
- Relocation and/or housing assistance package (\$5000.00 or more if need is adequately demonstrated) is available for candidates outside the Orange County, CA area.
- Fun office environment and passionate team, serving a great community.
- Meaningful work at an organization that is improving the lives of children who are blind and visually impaired and their families.

Licensing & Accreditation Requirements:

All employees working for Beyond Blindness are ***required*** to meet the following at all times:

1. LiveScan Fingerprint clearance and background check - DOJ/FBI/Child Abuse Index (one time or upon re-hire)
2. Health Screening (one time or upon re-hire)
3. Proof of immunity to Measles or MMR Vaccination Record (one time)
4. Flu Vaccine within one year (and each year thereafter)
5. TDAP Vaccine within last 10 years (and every 10 years thereafter)
6. Current COVID-19 Vaccine (fully vaccinated (original Pfizer/Moderna 2 vaccine series or Pfizer single vaccine plus 1 booster)
7. Clear TB test or Chest X-ray within last 4 years (and every 4 years thereafter)

Your Application

We're excited to hear from you! To join Beyond Blindness, please upload a resume and cover letter to careers@beyondblindness.org. Applications without cover letters will not be considered; please use this as an opportunity to convey why you want to be a Teacher of the Visually Impaired at Beyond Blindness.