

Deaf/Blind Intervenor

Secondment Opportunity – September 2018

Bloorview School Authority is an educational facility that provides innovative school programs to children and youth with special needs. School Authorities are created pursuant to Section 68 of the Education Act of Ontario, with all the duties, powers, responsibilities of District School Boards, housed in Children's Treatment Centres and providing educational programs and services for children and young adults who have physical and/or communication disabilities and related developmental needs. Each year hundreds of children and young people, ages 4-21 years old, from across Ontario benefit from Bloorview's individualized educational programs, which are set up in conjunction with ongoing therapeutic and medical care.

Bloorview is seeking a Deaf/Blind Intervenor to join our team. The successful candidate will be versatile, flexible, and able to work collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams and will have a strong commitment to collaboration and professional learning.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

- Work with students who have significant hearing, vision, and/or complex medical needs in order to access the curriculum
- Receive and interpret information for students who are deafblind or who have complex medical needs
- Communicate in the preferred modality or language of students (e.g., ASL, PSE, Signing, Oral Communication, Braille, etc.)
- Assist in planning and preparing activities for students with a variety of physical challenges and cognitive levels
- Contribute knowledge, skills, and observations for the classroom team
- Assist with delivery of instruction to students after teachers have prepared lessons with expectations, teaching strategies, and evaluation criteria
- Modify or accommodate programs to fit the special needs of students
- Liaise with family teams including school staff, medical staff, therapists, and parents/guardians
- Assist teachers in meeting personal care and health needs—these needs may include lifting, movement, feeding, toileting, changing, and approved administration of medication/medical procedures, with appropriate training provided
- Develop a professional working relationship with teachers and perform duties in a professional manner
- Provide appropriate encouragement and positive reinforcement for students
- Supervise and assist students during non-academic instructional time (e.g., lunch, bus loading/unloading)
- Participate in team meetings and staff meetings, as required
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

- Two-year community college diploma through an accredited program in deafblind studies
- Minimum of two years successful experience working with students who are deafblind
- Demonstrated ability to effectively use assistive technology and augmented communication systems
- Ability to communicate in a sensitive, courteous manner with students, parents, staff, and the general public
- Ability to support students who have physical/mobility/behavioural/communication/health/personal care needs
- Proven ability to follow directions, policies, and procedures in an appropriate and timely manner
- Understanding of and commitment to confidentiality
- Ability to work as a collaborative team member
- Proven experience using one or more of the following alternative forms of communication:
 - American Sign Language (ASL)
 - Braille (EBAE uncontracted and contracted braille, UEB uncontracted and contracted braille)
 - Two-handed manual alphabet
 - Signed Exact English
 - Total Communication
 - Large Print Note-taking

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your cover letter, resume, and the names of two (2) professional references (including a current supervisor) by May 4, 2018 to:

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This secondment is subject to the approval and protocols of Bloorview School and the seconding District School Board. All individuals working at Bloorview School must be vaccinated annually against influenza or wear a mask during the Vaccination required period (flu season).

Bloorview School Authority is an equal opportunity employer committed to promoting an environment of diversity, inclusiveness and accessibility. Should an applicant require accommodation during any stage in the recruitment process, please contact Human Resources at 416-422-7042.