

## EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a responsible interpreting position in which the incumbent translates verbal communication into manual language with the purpose of facilitating the communication process for the hearing impaired. Incumbents are responsible for interpreting presentations, instructions, and assignments in a variety of settings. Direct supervision is received from administrative personnel. An Educational Interpreter does related work as required.

### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Receives verbal communication and translates for the hearing impaired.
- Receives manual communication from the deaf for translation;
- Attends seminars, classes, examinations, meetings, conferences, etc. and translates.

### FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the English language; good knowledge of the communication problems confronting the hearing impaired within mainstream environments; skill in sign language or finger spelling; skill in receptive, expressive, and reverse interpreting; ability to facilitate the successful completion of the communication process for the hearing impaired; ability to understand verbal communication and express this communication to the hearing impaired using motor communication skills; ability to understand and express both verbal and manual language; ability to define abstract ideas into understandable manual language; patience; endurance; tact; sound judgement; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma, and EITHER:

- A) Completion of a training program for Interpreters recognized and accredited by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf;

OR

- B) Transliterating Certification, Interpreting Certification, or Comprehensive Skills Certification from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf;

OR

- C) One (1) year of experience working with handicapped persons which included the ability to sign in exact English.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS / BOCES:**

Per regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

**CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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