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Continuous Announcement

DISABILITY SPECIALIST – 50407

Salary: $35,589.60 - $59,517.60
Announcement Date: February 13, 2013

JOB INFORMATION

The Disability Specialist is a permanent full-time position with the Department of Education, Disability Determination Service. Positions are located in Birmingham and Mobile. This is professional fully functional work in the field of disability adjudication. Employees are responsible for determining an individual's eligibility for disability benefits under Title II and Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Current permanent status as a Disability Specialist, Trainee and 18 months of experience as an examiner or adjudicator of claims for Social Security disability benefits

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT

- Individuals selected for positions with the State Department of Education's Disability Determination Service (DDS) will go through a complete federal background investigation. A suitability determination by the Social Security Administration is necessary to determine whether an employee can be issued credentials in order to have access to Social Security disability data, records, and systems.

EXAMINATION

- **Promotional** to current state employees in the job classification listed above
- An Evaluation of **Training and Experience** as shown on application will comprise 90% of the applicant's final score for the promotional register, with the remaining 10% being based on the average of the applicant's service ratings for the last three years.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete an Application for Examination Form available at ***www.personnel.alabama.gov***, the above address, or any Alabama Career Center Office.
- Apply by mail or by fax. *Applications will be accepted until further notice.*

Veteran's credits are NOT allowed on promotional examinations.

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*Please refer to the back of this announcement for complete information on State Personnel's policy for accepting post-secondary and advanced degrees.

Promotional

Except for pretest information provided by State Personnel to all applicants, you should not directly or indirectly obtain information about examinations. If you do, the State Personnel Director may do several things. One, you may not be given an examination. Two, you may be disqualified after an examination. Three, your name may be removed from a register. Or four, your name may not be certified from the register. (Rules of the State Personnel Board, Chapter 670-x-9). According to the Code of Alabama, 36-26-47, a willful violation of exam security is a misdemeanor. Any person who is convicted of this type of misdemeanor will not get a state job. If they are officers or employees of the state, they will be required to forfeit their office or position for five years.

If you know of anyone who has violated this policy, you should contact the Examination Manager at the State Personnel Department.

Applicants hired by the State of Alabama on or after January 1, 2012 will be subject to the E-Verify process pursuant to Act No. 2011-535.

State of Alabama Personnel Department Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees

1. Specific college coursework required for a job, as well as Bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from the schools accredited by any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States. These associations are listed below.

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – The Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges – Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges – Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU)

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by a regional accreditation association will be accepted if a regionally accredited school considers the coursework or degree to be an acceptable prerequisite for admission to an advanced degree program. For example, if a regionally accredited school accepts an applicant's bachelor's degree for admittance into a graduate degree program, State Personnel will accept the degree. In the case of required college coursework (but no degree requirement), State Personnel will accept the college coursework if a regionally accredited school accepts the coursework towards a post-secondary degree (e.g., a bachelor's degree). ***This must be documented by a letter of acceptance from the regionally accredited school.*** State Personnel will review such requests on a case-by-case basis.

Note:This policy is subject to change. Certain state agencies may have additional requirements.