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Continuous Announcement

ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SPECIALIST – 50396

Salary: \$38,541.60 - \$64,437.60
Starting salary upon initial appointment to the merit system may be based on various factors.

Announcement Date: April 14, 2021

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JOB INFORMATION

The Orientation and Mobility Specialist is a permanent, full-time position with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. Positions are located throughout the state. This is entry level professional work in the field of rehabilitation and instruction of persons who are blind or visually impaired.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENT(S)

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited* college or university in Orientation and Mobility or a closely related field and eligible to sit for the examination in Orientation and Mobility by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certification Board (NOMC). A copy of certification or statement of eligibility from ACVREP or NOMC must be included with the application. Applicants may apply for this position during their last semester of college; however, applicants will be required to submit documentation verifying completion of the Bachelor's Degree to the hiring agency prior to beginning work.

OR

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited* college or university in any major and certified in Orientation and Mobility by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certification Board (NOMC). A copy of certification from ACVREP or NOCM must be included with the application.

NOTE(S)

- This position requires extensive local travel in a personal automobile.
- Occasional overnight travel is required.

EXAMINATION

- Open-Competitive to all applicants.
- An Evaluation of Training and Experience as shown on the application will comprise 100% of the final score for the open-competitive register.

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 on-line, by mail, by fax, or by email at apply@personnel.alabama.gov. Applications will be accepted until further notice. The State Personnel Department is not responsible for late receipt of applications due to mail service or faxing malfunctions.

*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.

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 be ineligible for appointment to or employment in a position in State service for a period of five years and, if the person is an officer or employee of the State, will forfeit his or her office or position.

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.

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Policy on Accepting College Coursework, Post-Secondary and Advanced Degrees

1. Specific college coursework required for a job classification, as well as bachelor's, graduate, post graduate, and doctoral degrees will be accepted from schools accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) or any of the six regional accreditation associations in the United States listed below:

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges –Senior College and University Commission (WASC-SCUC)

College coursework is defined as credit hours leading to a bachelor's degree or higher.

2. Coursework or degrees from schools that have not been accredited by one of the above accreditation associations may 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.

*The term "regionally accredited school" refers to an institution of higher education accredited by one of the six regional accreditation associations listed above.