Audiologist

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
AUDIOLOGIST	4380	B25	$69,572 - $114,099

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs advanced (senior-level) audiological work by assessing, diagnosing, assessment, and treating hearing and balance disorders, and by coordinating therapeutic rehabilitation treatment for clients. May assign and/or supervise the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assesses, diagnoses, and analyzes an individual's skills and abilities related to hearing and balance disorders.

Develops, implements, and oversees treatment plans to maximize residual hearing, improve listening skills, and enhance communication, with or without the use of assistive listening devices.

Assesses and fabricates ear molds, selects and adjusts hearings aids, or evaluates other assistive listening devices.

Writes, reviews, and analyzes assessments, reports, and data to monitor client progress and to modify or adapt treatment plans as needed.

Oversees or evaluates the scheduling, maintenance, and calibration of audiological testing equipment.

Educates clients, caregivers, and staff on hearing health, the use of assistive listening devices, and techniques to enhance hearing comprehension.

Participates in quality assurance and quality improvement activities to ensure adherence to clinical protocols and continuous improvement in patient care.

Provides professional oversight and guidance to other healthcare professional or support staff to ensure compliance and adherence to regulatory standards and established procedures.

May collaborate with other healthcare professionals to develop and implement a comprehensive therapeutic plan for the client.

May develop treatment protocols and best practices for specialty areas.

May coordinate or oversee volunteer or student internship programs.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in audiology work. Graduation from an accredited college or university program with a doctoral degree in audiology or other related hearing science, as required for licensure.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of audiology principles, diagnostic criteria, methods, and treatment strategies.

Skill in the use of audiological diagnostic and treatment tools and equipment, in the use and maintenance of ear molds, hearing aids, and other assistive listening devices; and in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to assess, diagnose, and treat hearing and balance disorders; to administer treatment or therapeutic techniques; to develop and conduct assessments; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be licensed as an Audiologist by the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 401; and Title 16, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 111.