



Promoting Independence and Opportunities for People with Vision Loss.

Vision Rehabilitation Therapist Position Description

About INSIGHT

Founded in 1925 as the Rhode Island Association for the Blind, IN-SIGHT's mission is to inspire confidence and build skills that help people who are visually impaired and blind to thrive and succeed.

Position Background

The Vision Rehabilitation Therapist is an integral member of the agency's vision rehabilitation department and is responsible for helping people with visual impairments learn how to be more independent.

This position requires someone who is a creative, upbeat, client centered, self-starter who has a passion for helping people achieve higher levels of self-confidence and independence. It also requires someone who is willing to invest the time in getting to know our clients, many of whom may initially may not be motivated to connect with services due to fear, anger, anxiety, or denial in terms of their vision loss and its effect on their lives.

While IN-SIGHT serves people of all ages, as most vision loss is related to age, most of our client base is comprised of people who are over the age of 70. The successful candidate will have experience successfully working with this population and will have a solid understanding of the best ways to provide services to them.

Essential Functions

- Provides assessment and instruction in independent living skills, including assistive technology, low vision aids, communication, home management, and personal management.
- Assists clients to develop their personal vision rehabilitation goals and develops training schedules and lesson plans to help the client to meet those goals.
- Plans and delivers small group workshops and classes on a variety of independent living topics and strategies.
- Conducts public education – instruction/classes/workshops for allied professionals and the family members and friends of the agency's clients.
- Completes attendance forms, case notes, and training reports in a timely fashion.

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Educational Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree in the areas of Vision Rehabilitation, Rehabilitation, Education, Occupational Therapy, or a related field is required.
- A Master's degree with a concentration in vision rehabilitation from an accredited College or University is strongly preferred. The agency will support the successful candidate's efforts to attain this degree within three years of hire.
- Certification in vision rehabilitation by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) is required.

Required Skills and Traits:

- Must competently use Microsoft Office, including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook; web browsers; and other technology as necessary.
- Must be committed to the mission, vision, policies, and values of IN-SIGHT.
- Ability to understand and balance priorities, with strong attention to detail.
- Dependability, flexibility, adaptability, and ability to thrive in a dynamic, collaborative team environment.
- Ability to represent the agency with a high level of integrity and professionalism, adhere to agency policies and support management decisions in a positive, professional manner
- Must work with minimal supervision and be self-motivated.
- Must be able to handle difficult and sensitive situations with diplomacy and discretion.
- Must understand and respect confidentiality, be assertive, able to think strategically, prioritize, focus, and be client oriented.

Mental, Physical, and Communications Demands:

- Access to reliable transportation for participation in client training and activities outside of the building required.
- Must have strong written and spoken English skills. Fluency in Spanish is very desirable as well.
- Must perform a variety of tasks that require sitting, standing, and occasionally lifting to 25 pounds.