

# **LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS 1, 2 and 3**

## **GENERAL**

This is specialized professional work involving the diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing and reading disabilities in children and adults. Employees in this class work from health institutions, schools and the community and act as a consultant on language disabilities and disseminate professional information to school staff, parent groups and community agencies.

The 1 level is assigned to incumbents who have a Bachelor's Degree. The 2 level is for incumbents who have the required Master's training to deal with the most advanced cases regardless of complexity including cases of organically based disorders. The 3 level is assigned to incumbents with Master's training and previous experience who have supervisory responsibility and are involved in program development and research.

## **TYPICAL DUTIES**

Diagnoses speech, hearing and reading disabilities by use of appropriate tests, interviews and review of medical reports or any other techniques as may be deemed appropriate.

Plans and carries out a program for the treatment of disabilities such as language development, stuttering, language disorders, impaired hearing, reading disabilities, functional speech disorders or other defects such as those resulting from physiological and/or psychological causes.

Prepares therapy materials.

Prepares diagnostic reports and progress records.

Provides consultation to professional service workers, parents and teachers on methods of identifying learning disorders and methods for treatment disorders.

Gives lectures on procedures and techniques of therapy to interested groups.

Participates in the development and presentation of workshops.

Determines need for and recommends purchase of tests, therapy materials and required equipment.

May supervise and co-ordinate the work of subordinates.

Carries out independent research to improve methods of evaluation and treatment for learning disabilities.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques, materials and equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of language disorders.

Knowledge of the terminology and general principles of physiology and psychology.

Ability to organize and deliver an effective diagnostic and treatment program and keep accurate reports and progress charts.

### **Education, Training and Experience**

Language Specialist 1

Graduation from a recognized university and holder of a valid licence where applicable to practice as a Specialist in Manitoba.

Language Specialist 2

Graduation from a recognized university with a Master's Degree and holder of a valid licence where applicable to practice as a Specialist in Manitoba.

Language Specialist 3

Graduation from a recognized university with a Master's Degree, advanced training in the area of specialization; a holder of a valid licence where applicable to practice as a Specialist in Manitoba, and one year of previous experience.