

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIAGNOSTIC CENTER, CENTRAL CALIFORNIA



Position Opening

Title: DIAGNOSTIC EDUCATION SPECIALIST

The Diagnostic Center, Central California is accepting applications for the position of Diagnostic Education Specialist. The individual selected to fill this position will participate as a member of a transdisciplinary assessment team in diagnosing developmental and educational problems among some of California's most complex and challenging students. In addition to providing high quality diagnostic assessment services, the Diagnostic Education Specialist develops specific, practical classroom interventions and strategies based on the team's findings, and regularly presents in-services to professional educators and parents on topics related to educational and behavioral assessment and intervention at various regional and state-wide educational conferences. ***Interested individuals may contact Carole Bence, Director at (559) 228-2213 or send letter of interest to Diagnostic Center, 1818 W. Ashlan Avenue, Fresno, CA 93705.***

Minimum Qualifications

- ◆ Minimum 3 years experience providing special education services in public schools.
- ◆ Outstanding diagnostic skills in all aspects of the student assessment process (i.e., testing, parent and teacher interviewing, developing rapport with challenging students).
- ◆ Must possess an appropriate California Special Education Credential.
- ◆ Must possess a Master's degree in a related field (e.g., special education, education, reading, educational psychology, etc).
- ◆ Prior experience in assessment and interventions serving students with a variety of handicapping conditions (e.g., learning disabilities, mental retardation, autism, severe emotional disturbance, communication disorders, physical disabilities, ADHD, etc).
- ◆ Excellent analytical and writing skills
- ◆ Abilities to work flexibly and cooperatively as part of a transdisciplinary assessment team and to routinely complete assignments within pre-established timelines.
- ◆ Ability to present assessment findings and implications in a clear and sensitive manner to parents and school district personnel at student case conferences.

Additional Desired Skills

- ◆ Bilingual capability and multi-cultural background is highly desirable.
- ◆ Specific expertise in the areas of non-biased assessment, developmental and/or alternative assessment, play assessment and/or reading literacy.
- ◆ Knowledge of federal and state laws pertaining to special education policies and procedures.
- ◆ Ability to prepare and present high quality in-service trainings on a variety of assessment and intervention topics.
- ◆ Willingness to occasionally travel to schools throughout central California

Benefits

- ◆ Salary range: \$63,300 - \$84,804 for 209 days
- ◆ Excellent medical, dental and vision coverage, plus PERS retirement
- ◆ Opportunity to work collaboratively with highly competent individuals from other disciplines (e.g., physician, clinical psychologist, school psychologist, speech-language pathologist, motor specialist).
- ◆ Opportunity to live in a growing community of approximately 502,000 people, with short commutes to work; located approximately 3 hours from LA or San Francisco, with multiple recreational opportunities and a low cost of living.

***** **FINAL FILING DATE: until filled**