

Staffing Assignment Orientation and Mobility Specialist PK-12

The Orientation and Mobility Specialist involves the knowledge and competence required to provide orientation and mobility services to persons with blindness or visual impairments that adversely impact educational performance in grades PK–12.

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Required Credential:

A person employed in the position of Orientation and Mobility Specialist must hold a current credential as an Orientation and Mobility Specialist issued by the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or the National Orientation and Mobility Certification (NOMC) issued by the National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB).

Staffing Assignment:

A person employed in a position as an Orientation and Mobility Specialist is qualified to perform the following duties and functions:

- Conduct formal and informal assessments to evaluate Orientation and Mobility strengths and needs;
- Develop, recommend, and implement appropriate service delivery plans;
- Consulting with other education and rehabilitation personnel and family regarding the impact of blindness and visual impairment on the Orientation and Mobility process;
- Provide training and direct instruction in Orientation and Mobility techniques and in the use of Orientation and Mobility materials and devices including visual efficiency skills, utilization of residual vision, concept and sensory development spatial orientation, utilization of tactile, visual, and auditory maps;
- Travel skills in both indoor and outdoor environments;
- Utilization of mass transportation systems;
- Self-determination skills; and
- Familiarization to environments.

Special Considerations:

An Orientation and Mobility Specialist certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the content area materials as related to Orientation and Mobility instruction.

An educator certified in this field may:

- Provide professional development;
- Serve in the role of mentor or advisor; and
- Assist students in understanding how to read content area materials.

Restrictions:

Orientation and Mobility Specialists may only work with students as permitted in this CSPG and an Orientation and Mobility Specialist may not provide educational support services to students with visual impairments that are specifically reserved for a Special Education: Visually Impaired certified teacher.

References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Certification

PA Public School Code: §1202, §1212, §1604

22 PA Code: Chapter 4: §4.21, §4.22, §4.23

Chapter 49: §49.11, §49.18 (a), §49.81, § 49.102 (b) (1) & (2)

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This supersedes all earlier CSPG's carrying this number and/or addressing this subject:
No previous printing dates on this subject.