

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Tenure Track Full-Time Position

TITLE: Director/Coordinator Of VRT Program

DATE: 2/1/2008

Primary Functions: Directs professional preparation for Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (formerly Rehabilitation Teacher) -VRT Program and Teaches/Supervises in Low Vision or O&M or TVI.

(PCO offers four programs including VRT, Low Vision Rehabilitation (LVR), Orientation and Mobility (O&M) and Teachers of Children with Visual and Multiple Disabilities (TVI), in addition to the VRT Program). The Director/Coordinator of the VRT Program will also teach and supervise in one of the three other program areas.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Coordinates all aspects of the VRT Program
2. Teaches VRT specific courses (on-line and face-to-face): Principles of Rehabilitation Teaching, Independent Living, and Communication Courses, and Co-Teach Core Courses
3. Recruits and advises VRT students
4. Teaches and assists with supervision in other certified areas (e.g., O&M or Low Vision or TVI)
5. Serves as a member of the Graduate Studies management team
6. Assures that the VRT program meets State, Middle State and ACVREP Standards, and assists in other program area standards
7. Maintains records and prepares all reports for accreditation, grant, and program approval.
8. Coordinates curriculum development and design of VRT courses and assists in other program development.
9. Develops and manages VRT extramural grant efforts including collection of data and preparation of state, federal and other required reports for VRT and assists in other extramural grant efforts.
10. Arranges and supervises VRT internships and assists in other certification areas, including community and in-house student/client/patient assessment and instruction.

Education/Experience: Master's Degree Required (Doctorate Preferred) in Vision Rehabilitation Therapy (formerly Rehabilitation Teaching) and certification in one other area of

blindness/visual impairment such as Low Vision, Orientation & Mobility or Teacher of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired, and minimum of 5 years of full-time direct teaching experience with adults who are blind or visually impaired.

Skills and Other Requirements: Administration, team collaboration, professional writing.

Other Desirable Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: Higher education teaching, knowledge and experience in androgogy, and other areas blindness and visual impairment and multiple disabilities. Grantsmanship, curriculum development, program development, advocacy activities, and work adults with visual impairments and disability consumer groups.

This is a 1.0 FTE and is located on the Elkins Park Campus of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry which will become a University during 2008. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications for a tenure track administrative position. Position will remain open until filled. All interested parties should send a formal application, copies of up-to-date certifications and 3 letters of recommendations from professionals in the field of blindness and visual impairment attesting to the applicant's qualifications for this particular job. For more information about Graduate Studies in Vision Impairment please visit our Website at: http://www.pco.edu/acad_progs/grad/grad_prgs.htm. Send complete application to Chair, Search Committee:

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