



Educational Consultant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Job No.: 65580

Location: Grande Prairie, AB

- **Join an interdisciplinary team that provides support and education to students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**
- **Help make a difference to lives of students and enjoy working in a community with an abundance of recreational and cultural activities**
- **Receive highly attractive pay plus two months off during Summer, one week off at Easter and two weeks off at Christmas**
- **Receive full benefits, including Life, Disability, Dental and Extended Healthcare**
- **Great opportunity for experienced candidates and new graduates**
- **Mentorship provided**

About the Organization

The Grande Prairie School District #2357 consists of a number of schools within the Grande Prairie area. Consisting of 14 schools, the Grande Prairie Public School District has been providing education to families in the Grande Prairie area for over 100 years. After experiencing unprecedented growth in recent years, the GPPSD now boasts enrollment of more than 6,500 students.

The Peace Collaborative Services is an umbrella organization which provides specialized educational support services across the northwest. PCS services of 8 school jurisdictions within a radius of Grande Prairie and Peace River cities. It also serves as an outreach service for Northern Lakes and Northern Lights regions.

Employees are hired by the Grande Prairie School district as a member of the Peace Collaborative Services delivery team.

Our Mission

The Grande Prairie Public School District is a learning community in which every student succeeds. For more information please visit <http://www.gppsd.ab.ca>

About the Opportunity

Currently, Grande Prairie School District #2357 is seeking an **Educational Consultant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** to join their team in **Grande Prairie, Alberta**.

In this role, your **primary responsibilities will be to provide in-depth assessment and educational support services that facilitate students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing having access to and participating in the educational program**. This will include serving as an organizational resource to school authorities and providing support to learning teams

throughout Northern Alberta to develop a greater system understanding of hearing impairments and their impact on student learning.

Additionally, you will provide effective instruction, advice, strategies and recommendations to school-based learning teams and to system personnel to improve learning and teaching of students with hearing impairments in accordance with the Programming for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Your major responsibilities will include:

- Serving as a resource in the ongoing development of specialized curriculum (all adaptive technology, social skills, etc.) for students with hearing impairments;
- Participating with school staff in the development and evaluation of strategies, materials and instructional techniques to ensure that programs meet the needs of students with hearing impairments, including special projects and courses;
- Supporting school and students in transition planning - between grades, between divisions and between schools and post-secondary;
- Screening and assessing new students who have hearing impairments to identify educational and resource needs and reporting on findings;
- Interpreting and using unique assessment data for instructional planning with students who are deaf and hard of hearing (academic, social, compensatory and life skills);
- Providing instruction and direct student support in specialized areas unique to students with hearing impairments including sign language, hearing aids, cochlear implant devices, adaptive equipment, computer technology, social skills, organizational skills, special projects and transition planning;
- Assisting in the evaluation and modification of existing facilities and equipment related to hearing impairment, consulting with school staff regarding environmental adaptations to meet the needs of the student (seating location, adaptations for board work, presentation modifications, etc.);
- Assisting in the maintenance of adaptive equipment including research, recommendations, set up, troubleshooting and repair and troubleshooting individual and school equipment need issues with staff in consultation with manufacturers and area Audiologists;
- Collaborating with school staff to support the inclusion of students with hearing impairments in all aspects of the school program;
- Developing and maintaining a high level of knowledge and awareness of current theory and practice related to meeting the learning, social and behavioural needs of students with hearing impairments, including maintaining current knowledge of adaptive technology;
- Maintaining contact with support companies, community services and agencies in order to develop a coordinated program of services and assist schools and families in accessing appropriate resources;
- Providing support, consultation and specialized training to Educational Assistants in sign language and adaptive technology as required; and
- Providing parent education and consultation regarding educational issues related to hearing impairment.

To be considered for this role, you must have a **valid Alberta teaching certificate** (or eligible to obtain one), along with **graduate-level courses in the area of hearing impairment**. It would be a **distinct and preferred asset if you have successful teaching experience with hearing**

impaired students and sign language skills. An equivalent combination of directly related education and experience may be considered.

We welcome applications from new graduates, and will provide full mentorship in order to support the growth and development of your career with Grande Prairie School District.

Along with superior oral and written communication, presentation and listening skills, you are adept at conflict resolution and mediation. As our ideal candidate, you demonstrate critical, flexible, creative and systemic thinking and the ability to foster creativity, diversity and innovation.

Open to embracing and leading change, you have excellent time management and organizational skills as well as the ability to work both independently and within a leadership/school community team environment. Proficiency with Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook), sound judgment, reasoning and perspective and a commitment to team work are required.

Please note, this position requires overnight travel, a valid driver's licence and the ability to work flexible hours.

About the Benefits

In return for your dedication, you will be rewarded with an **attractive salary of \$65,951 to \$103,417 per year**, based on education and years of experience. In addition, you can look forward to the following array of benefits:

- **Full benefits, including: Life, Disability, Dental, Extended Healthcare, Health Spending Account**
- **12-month salary plus 2 months off during Summer, 1 week off at Easter and 2 weeks off at Christmas**
- **Discipline-specific mentorship**
- **Access to extensive materials**
- **Great professional development**
- **Provincial professional-specific support**
- **Relocation assistance with return for service agreement**
- **Administrative support for caseload management**

In addition, you will be welcomed into a supportive multidisciplinary team environment that will listen to and value your ideas. This is an opportunity to make your mark on an established and highly respected organization, using your experience and skills to inspire a direct and positive impact on students.

*Don't miss this opportunity to expand your skills in a dynamic working environment in Grande Prairie, Alberta - **Apply Now!***

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