



## **Title: Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments**

TCS Associates, ([www.tcsassociates.com](http://www.tcsassociates.com)) is looking for motivated, organized, and enthusiastic individuals to join our fast growing team as a Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) in both full and part-time capacities. The TVI will report to the TCS Director of Services and will be responsible for providing direct TVI services to a variety of school systems throughout Washington DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

The TVI travels to students and is assigned schools to provide direct and/or consultative special education services relating to visual impairments. These services enable the students to learn in classroom and community environments. Services for infants may be provided in the infants' homes or child-care settings. The students range in age from birth through 21, and may or may not have additional disabilities. The cognitive levels of the students range from severely impaired to gifted and talented. Additionally, the candidates must have strong verbal and written communication skills, an ability to work independently and in a team environment.

### **Job Responsibilities:**

- Provide TVI services as authorized by TCS leadership
- Conduct comprehensive assessments
  - Perform functional vision and learning media assessments on new referrals and at intervals as designated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
  - Interpret medical eye reports as they relate to educational environments
  - Contribute to the development of the IEP/IFSP with recommendations for goals, modifications, and learning styles
  - Recommend appropriate specialized evaluations and assessments, such as for low vision, orientation and mobility, psychosocial, and adaptive physical education
  - Consult with diagnosticians, classroom teachers, students, and parents concerning appropriate evaluations, modifications, and test administrations
  - Be knowledgeable about possible modifications for statewide testing, and arrange for necessary modifications.
  - Obtain modified standardized testing materials (NAPT, ITBS, TAAS, SAT, ACT) and administer or assist in the administration of the test as needed
  - Administer various other evaluations as appropriate and interpret the results as appropriate to parents and other educators
  - Participate in team assessments for students with moderate to severe cognitive disabilities





- Provide assessment, instruction, and consultation to other educational team members on issues related to assistive technology, especially computer-based assistive technology
- Maintain appropriate learning environment
  - Assist in determining need for and procuring classroom equipment and materials necessary for students with visual impairments to learn (braille, low-vision devices, assistive technology, computer, etc.), including ensuring necessary room modifications and lighting changes
  - Provide team members with information regarding the specialized strategies needed for success with each VI student, including those working with infants in non-school-based settings
  - Consult with other educational team members, including parents and rehabilitation service providers to provide information necessary to maximize incorporation of the expanded core curriculum into the entire instructional setting
  - Provide modified materials to team members
  - Provide braille, recorded/enlarged materials, and tactile symbols as appropriate for each child
- Administrative and Record Keeping Duties
  - Provide updated pupil information (e.g., VI registration, deafblind census, textbook projections)
  - Submit requests for instructional materials, conferences, field trips, and personnel needs
  - Inform various special education and campus personnel of progress and needs of the students with visual impairment on a regular basis
  - Identify and set up a work and storage space at each school to be used by the VI teacher to instruct students as necessary
  - Provide input into students' schedules, planning for all special services, such as direct instruction and orientation and mobility
  - Maintain adequate record of all assessments, related to the IEP, progress reports and signed parental release forms for things such as photographs and registration with various agencies
  - Provide 6-week, 9-week, or 12-week progress reports as indicated by student program on students with visual impairment in regular education classes and follow up with teacher and/or parent conferences as appropriate
  - Register students with visual impairments with appropriate agencies such as Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, and the state library for the blind and physically disabled, and assist with referral to the state's commission for the blind





- Prepare paperwork as appropriate and attend IEP meetings and IFSP meetings on students with visual impairments
- Distribute information to parents concerning workshops, conferences, and equipment acquisition
- Communicate with low-vision specialists, ophthalmologists, and optometrists concerning exams, and attend exams when appropriate
- Supervise material preparation and acquisition
- Attend all required meeting with TCS and customers
- Provide clients with information about community resources and advocacy groups
- Other project duties as assigned

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- A bachelor's degree from a college or university
- A certification/license for teachers of students with visual impairments
- Preferred Qualifications
- Certification in visual impairments
- Experience working with teams
- Experience educating students with disabilities, either as a classroom or special education teacher
- Must have excellent communications skills, both written and oral
- Ability to work in a team in a fast paced environment
- Self-starter/multi-tasker
- Familiarity with MS Office applications

**Salary and Benefits Offered:**

- Salary: Commensurate with experience
- Benefits: Attractive benefit packages for both full and part-time positions

**Additional Information:**

- Work Location: TCS corporate office (Rockville, MD) and outside travel to customers' premises
- Must be able to pass a background check or obtain a clearance if required

*To apply for this position, please send your cover letter and resume with salary requirements to:  
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