

ACVREP NEWSLETTER – March 26, 2007

ACVREP – Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals

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Congratulations To Those Individuals Who Were Certified Or Recertified For The Quarter Ending March 31, 2007!

The **24** people seeking certification (2 in LVT, 15 in O&M, and 7 in VRT) and **85** people seeking recertification (6 in LVT, 68 in O&M, and 11 in VRT) listed below were recently approved by the ACVREP Board of Directors. The ACVREP Directory of Certificants has been updated and all paper certificates will be mailed today.

PLEASE NOTE: Please check to see if your name is listed in the Directory of Certificants, which can be accessed from our home page (www.acvrep.org). If your name is not listed in the Directory, please call Sharon L. Mikrut at 520-887-6816 immediately.

CERTIFICATION

Low Vision Therapists

Theresa Smith

Lisa Miller

Orientation & Mobility Specialists

Erica Bedolla

Eldre Boggs

Sook Hee Choi

Jennifer Cmar

Kathleen Cross

Demetra Edwards

Margaret Johnson

Jack Houston

Gloria Messer
Charlotte Morgan
Paula Tapia
Kusala Tibbetts
Michelle Toy
Laura Walton
Naomi Zobot

Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

Bernadette Anderson
Ardelle Cabre
Audrey Dannenberg
David Feinhals
Michelle Mason
Kimberly Stumph
Jennifer Throop

RECERTIFICATION

Low Vision Therapists

Stephanie Blevins
Ira Chomsky
Susan Drewette
Wojciech Jacobi
Frances Liefert
Jennifer Stabinski

Orientation & Mobility Specialists

Elizabeth Adams
Sue Behm
Billie (Beezy) Bentzen
Christina Billingsley
Kent Bowers
Janet Brewer
David Buhl
Peggy Burson
Trecia Chandler
Karen Chapecka
Kathy Christensen
Marybeth Cleveland
Calvin Churchwell
Tom Cowper
Nancy Cozart

Robert Dahm
Amy Dickson
Gary Ensing
Shelly Faust-Jones
Sarah Feinbaum
John Ford
Lani Gant-Simonton
Charles Genoe, Jr.
Rasan Gray
Maya Greenburg
Julie Griffith
Julia Halpern-Gold
Sharon Hammer
Rod Haneline
Cynthia Hart
David Henzi
Carol Hepsley
Judith Holmes
Sarah Hudson
Candace Hickerson
Marcy Kammer
Gerald Kitzhoffer
Cindy Knowles
Kathleen Lawrence
Rickilyn Mancil
Brian McHugh
Tara McHugh
James McMahan Jr.
Nancy Miller
Margaret Molenda
Eileen Morelos-Gutierrez
Garrett Mumma
Julianna Narciso
Deborah Nelson
Pamela Oddis
Ronald Philpot
Kathleen Putt
Paul Raskin
Kristen Roshon
Wendy Scheffers
Jon Schmunk
Carol Shepardson
Juli Smith
Sharon Smith
Jennifer Stabinski
Shari Stahl

Phyllis Stokes
Valerie Tiensvold
Shay Utley
Theresa Whyte
Susan Wiggins
Brian Yee
Beth Yokel

Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

Beverly Berg
Cynthia Caldwell
Gail Cole
Dianne Costello
Herman Curtis
Michele Frazier
Lilly Harris
Judy Scott
Judith Smith
Debra Whitley
Barbara Wichner

**Certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist And Teacher Of The Visually Impaired
Job Openings - Colorado**

Each year, there are new openings in the beautiful state of Colorado for TVIs and COMS interested in working in Colorado school districts or the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. For more information about open positions, please contact Tanni Anthony at (303) 866-6681 or anthony_t@cde.state.co.us.

President/CEO Job Opening – Cincinnati, Ohio

The Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has a job opening for a President/Chief Executive Officer.

The Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Clovernook's mission is to promote independence and foster the highest quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities. Clovernook provides comprehensive program services, including training and support for independent living, orientation and mobility instruction, vocational training, job placement, counseling, recreation, and youth services. In addition, Clovernook conducts business operations which provide meaningful employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, while at the same time manufacturing high-quality products for customers across the country. Clovernook provides services out of offices in Cincinnati, Ohio and Memphis, Tennessee.

Clovernook is seeking a CEO who has a strong commitment to bettering the lives of the blind and visually impaired, who will command respect for his or her accomplishments and who will inspire broad-based support for the advancement of Clovernook's mission. Strong leadership, communication, fundraising and decision-making skills are critical to success in this position. The successful candidate should have a proven ability to encourage teamwork and collaboration among many individuals and organizations.

The successful candidate must have a vision for Clovernook and be able to implement that vision in conjunction with Clovernook's board and staff. He or she must have the skill to ensure that Clovernook's programs are responsive to the changing needs of those it serves. The successful candidate must be willing to actively fundraise for the organization and work a flexible schedule, including evening and weekends.

The President's major duties and responsibilities are the following:

1. Provide visionary leadership and set direction for the organization and its partners.
2. Develop and implement a proactive (as opposed to reactive) strategic plan for Clovernook, combining a fiscally responsible commercial perspective with an understanding of the quality-driven nature and needs of individual programs.
3. Oversee the development and implementation of an effective, integrated fund development program.
4. Oversee public relations and community outreach and act as liaison with the community, press, public and private payors, licensing and accreditation agencies, and healthcare and provider groups.
5. Coordinate management of financial and administrative procedures in order to maintain fiscally sound programs and accounting systems.
6. Ensure that existing programs are fiscally sound, while preserving their stability and economic viability.
7. Partner with the Board with regard to ongoing strategic planning that is responsive to community needs.

Experience and qualifications:

1. Strong commitment to Clovernook's programs and goals.
2. Minimum five years of nonprofit leadership experience (either in a senior management or hands-on Board Trustee capacity), ideally complemented by some level of for-profit sector experience.
3. Ability to create a vision for Clovernook and to successfully implement that vision.
4. Strong managerial and organizational skills.
5. Ability to build and maintain a highly-motivated management and clinical staff.
6. Strong fiscal management, budget preparation and fundraising skills.
7. Ability to work effectively with the Board of Trustees.

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Director Of Advocacy And Governmental Affairs Job Opening – Washington, D.C.

The American Council of the Blind (ACB) is seeking a Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs to work in its national office in Washington, D.C. This position reports to the executive director.

The primary duties of this position will include:

1. Promoting and developing ACB's advocacy and legislative agendas;
2. Supervising advocacy and governmental affairs support staff;
3. Recommending actions to be taken and policies to be adopted by ACB;
4. Overseeing the implementation of resolutions adopted at ACB conventions;
5. Responding to requests for information and advice concerning the rights and/or obligations of individuals regarding blindness-related issues, and providing referral to other appropriate sources of assistance;
6. Providing technical assistance to individuals and ACB affiliates pursuing advocacy projects;
7. Representing ACB on advisory committees and consultative bodies seeking organizational input;
8. Drafting proposed bills and rules for presentation to members of Congress, or administrative agencies;
9. Preparing written comments on pending legislation and proposed rules;
10. Presenting oral comments on pending legislation at Congressional committee hearings;
11. Developing and maintaining ongoing working relationships with members of Congress, Congressional staff and agency administrators to promote ACB's legislative and advocacy agendas;
12. Maintaining cooperative relationships with other disability and civil rights organizations;
13. Preparing articles on legislative, judicial, and administrative developments for ACB publications and ACB Radio;
14. Staffing ACB's resolutions and environmental access committees;
15. And other duties as assigned by the executive director.

The successful candidate must:

1. Be a self-starter with excellent organizational skills;

2. Have a minimum of two years experience working with federal legislative and regulatory processes;
3. Have knowledge of service-delivery systems and government programs impacting people who are blind;
4. Be available for frequent travel;
5. Be willing to work evenings and weekends in order to attend meetings with ACB leaders and affiliates;
6. Demonstrate excellent written and verbal communication skills;
7. Have the ability to move quickly between tasks and respond promptly to deadlines;
8. And demonstrate an ability to locate and understand laws and regulations.

Desirable skills or training include a law degree or specific disability-related advocacy training, computer literacy, general familiarity with assistive devices used by people who are blind, and knowledge and use of Braille. Salary depends upon experience.

Applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, and brief writing sample to Governmental Affairs Director Search, American Council of the Blind, 1155 15th Street NW, Suite 1004, Washington, D.C. 20005. Applications may also be submitted by electronic mail sent to staffing@acb.org, or faxed to (202) 467-5085. All applications must be received in the ACB national office by May 15, 2007.

Quote Of The Day!

“Heart is what separates the good from the great.” – Michael Jordan