**Section 7 - Criteria for Eligibility**

**Eligibility Criteria:**

Any person may apply for Eligibility as a Certified Deafblind Intervenor Specialist (CDBIS). However, the applicant must be able to meet the **“Eligibility Criteria”** listed below in the following areas:

* Education/Training
* Practical Work Experience

In addition, the applicant must submit all of the documentation required for the Category in which the applicant is applying as outlined below. At the time the application submits their Eligibility application online they acknowledge and agree to be bound by the CDBIS Code of Ethics.

**Category 1:**

**Education:**

George Brown College Deafblind and Intervenor Studies Diploma dated prior to May 2022. [previously named Intervenor for Deafblind Person Diploma] or a diploma equivalent from another post-secondary educational institution that is specific to deafblind intervenor services and includes the CDBIS Body of Knowledge 9 domain areas. If you received the George Brown College Deafblind Intervenor Studies Diploma after May 2022 you must apply in Category 2

**Practical Work Experience:**

2500 hours of practical work experience in intervenor services for individuals who are Deafblind in the most recent 5 years which can include supervisory experience, field placements and mentoring/coaching of Deafblind Intervenors.

**Note:** The hours of field placement completed as part of an intervenor for Deafblind Persons diploma will count toward the 2500 hours. For example, the George Brown College program field placements will be counted for a total of 400 hours.

**Documentation Required:**

1. Official transcript of the completion of a diploma program for Intervenor for Deafblind Persons mailed directly by the college or university to ACVREP
2. Applied Competencies Evaluation Form
3. Strong Letter of Recommendation from employment supervisor

**Category 2:**

**Education:**

A minimum 2-year post-secondary diploma or bachelor’s degree in a social/human services field such as Developmental Services Worker (DSW), Social Services Worker (SSW), Child and Youth Work (CYW), Recreation Therapy, Honors Bachelor of Interpretation or Diploma in Sign Language Interpretation and Bachelor degree in Psychology or Sociology, Undergrad program: Therapeutic Recreation and Registered Nurse (RN) and Registered Practical Nurse (RPN).

**Training:**

Agency/organization training or online training specific to the field of Deafblindness, sensory loss and intervenor services including a minimum of 30 hours of theory-based learning.

Or

Mentoring and/or job shadowing for a minimum of 30 hours with a CDBIS certified professional.

Plus

**Practical Work Experience:**

2500 hours of practical work experience in intervenor services for individuals who are Deafblind in the most recent 5 years which can include supervisory experience, field placements and mentoring/coaching of intervenors.

**Note:** that the 30 hours of mentoring and/or job shadowing as required in the training component above does **not** count toward the 2500 hours.

**Documentation Required:**

1. Official transcript verifying Category 2 qualifying education mailed directly to ACVREP by the college of university
2. Core Knowledge Domain Area Checklist evidencing how the Body of Knowledge Domain learning has been met to include any online course completion certifications if online training was included along with the Education/Training verification Form for each training listed for all other training
3. Employer Letter of Verification of the 30 hours of mentoring/job shadowing [if used for Eligibility]
4. Applied Competency Evaluation Form
5. Letter of Recommendation from employment supervisor

**Category 3**

**Education:**

A minimum of 1-year post-secondary certificate in a social services field such as American Sign Language Certificate, American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf studies Certificate, Personal Support Worker (PSW) Certificate, Communicative Disorders Assistant (CDA) and Human Services Certificate.

**Training:**

Agency/organization training or online training specific to the field of Deafblindness, sensory loss and intervenor services including a minimum of 30 hours of theory-based learning.

Or

Mentoring and/or job shadowing for a minimum of 30 hours with a CDBIS certified professional.

Plus

**Work Experience:**

2500 hours of practical work experience in intervenor services for individuals who are Deafblind in the most recent 5 years which can include supervisory experience, field placements and mentoring/coaching of intervenors.

**Note:** that the 30 hours of mentoring and/or job shadowing as required in the training component above does **not** count toward the 2500 hours.

**Documentation Required:**

1. Copy of the 1 year post-secondary certificate
2. Core Knowledge Domain Area Checklist evidencing how the Body of Knowledge Domain learning has been met to include any online course completion certifications if online training was included along with the Education/Training verification Form for each training listed for all other training
3. Employer Letter of Verification of the 30 hours of mentoring/job shadowing [if included for Eligibility]
4. Applied Competency Evaluation Form
5. Letter of Recommendation from employment supervisor

**Category 4**

**Education:**

High School Diploma

**Training:**

Agency/organization training or online training specific to the field of Deafblindness, sensory loss and intervenor services including a minimum of 30 hours of theory-based learning.

Plus

Mentoring and/or job shadowing for a minimum of 30 hours with a CDBIS certified professional.

**Work Experience:**

2500 hours of practical work experience in intervenor services for individuals who are Deafblind in the most recent 5 years which can include supervisory experience, field placements and mentoring/coaching of intervenors.

**Note:** that the 30 hours of mentoring and/or job shadowing as required in the training component above does **not** count toward the 2500 hours.

**Documentation Required:**

1. Core Knowledge Domain Area Checklist evidencing how the Body of Knowledge Domain learning has been met to include any online course completion certifications if online training was included along with the Education/Training verification Form for each training listed for all other training
2. Employer Letter of Verification of the 30 hours of mentoring/job shadowing
3. Applied Competency Evaluation Form
4. Letter of Recommendation from employment supervisor