# **Notice of Vacancy - Repost**

#### Candidates who have previously applied do not need to reapply.

Reference Number: DOE-037-24

**Title**: Education Program Development Specialist 2 (Special Education)

(Autism Specialist)

**Range/Title Code**: P28/70341V **Salary**: \$85,535.88 - \$121,891.47

Position Number: 903984 Issue Date: October 9, 2024 Closing Date: October 23, 2024

**Core Hours of Operation:** 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Location**: Trenton, New Jersey

**Division**: Division of Educational Services, Office of Special Education

### **Description**

Under general direction of the Director, Office of Special Education, designs, produces, and delivers Special Education curricula, training, program improvement, and related education services to education agencies to ensure the achievement of mandated goals and to meet existing, and emerging needs; performs mandated regulatory functions; performs work of a difficult nature and generally works independently in the monitoring and evaluation of education programs in school districts statewide; and performs other related work as required.

The Autism Specialist role encompasses the creation of resources, guidance, technical assistance, and the facilitation of training sessions tailored for diverse stakeholders, including Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and families. Through these initiatives, they are to foster a deep understanding of the unique learning needs of students on the autism spectrum and promote the implementation of inclusive practices within educational settings. By collaborating closely with county offices and regional units, the Specialist contributes to the development of program guidelines, shaping key areas such as curricula, instructional materials, and the least restrictive environment (LRE). In addition, the role involves an

ongoing commitment to remaining well-informed about current trends in autism, inclusion, LRE, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and relevant curricular areas. This knowledge is acquired through attending conferences, professional development, self-study, and consultation with field experts, ensuring that the Specialist stays at the forefront of advancements in the discipline.

### Requirements

#### **Education**

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in Special Education or a field related to Special Education.

Note: Applicants who possess a Master's degree which is not in Special Education or a related field may substitute a New Jersey educational certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners and/or other professional endorsement in Special Education, as Teacher of the Handicapped, Learning Disabilities Consultant, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, or certification in a related field.

#### **Experience**

Four (4) years of experience in a school district or other educational institution in programs providing Special Education.

### **Preferred Education/Experience**

BCBA/BCBA-D certified; Five (5) years of experience in special education and related services, with a specific focus on autism, proficiency in school-based application of applied behavior analysis and evidence-based instructional practices for students with autism; A deep understanding and comprehensive content knowledge of learning theory, and PBIS; Experience in data analysis processes relevant to autism; Experience interfacing with community groups, school district staff, and other professionals; Experience in designing, implementing, and managing both pre-service and in-service staff training programs in any of the aforementioned topics, aligned with evidence-based

practices for students on the autism spectrum; Experience acquired in school-based settings for students from preschool through age 21.

### **Open to the Following**

In accordance with the New Jersey First Act P.L. 2011 c.70, effective September 1, 2011, new public employees are required to obtain New Jersey residency within one (1) year of employment.

Applicants must meet the open competitive requirements listed on the job specification on file at the Civil Service Commission. You may access the job specification through the Civil Service Commission's website <a href="info.csc.state.nj.us/jobspec/70341V.htm">info.csc.state.nj.us/jobspec/70341V.htm</a>.

Interested candidates may apply via: https://www.nj.gov/education/careers/.

#### **Authorization to Work**

Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations. Note: The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for work visas.

#### **SAME Applicants**

If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. For more information on the SAME Program, visit their website at: <a href="nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml">nj.gov/csc/same/overview/index.shtml</a>, email: SAME@csc.nj.gov, or call the Civil Service Commission at (833) 691-0404.

## **EOE/AA Statement**

The New Jersey State Department of Education is an Equal Opportunity Employer, has an Affirmative Action Program, and will not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, religion, color, national origin/nationality, ancestry, age,

sex/gender (including pregnancy), marital status/civil union partnership, familial status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, domestic partnership status, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, disability, (including perceived disability, physical, mental, and/or intellectual disabilities), or liability for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and is committed to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.