

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JOB OPPORTUNITY
ASSOCIATE EDUCATION CONSULTANT/
EDUCATION SERVICE SPECIALIST
DIVISION OF FAMILY AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
BUREAU OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
(Two positions available)**

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Open To: The Public

Location: 165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Job Posting No. 00061758 and 00075844 – File #752

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Annual Salary: \$81,893* - \$105,251 – Associate Education Consultant
\$69,892* - \$ 90,700 – Education Service Specialist

Closing Date: December 30, 2011

***New hires to state employment start at the minimum of the above salary range.**

The Connecticut State Department of Education is recruiting for two Associate Education Consultant/Education Service Specialist positions in the Bureau of Special Education. *The selected candidate's credentials will determine the job classification.*

An opportunity for an instructional leader to provide leadership and technical assistance in the area of Special Education for Connecticut's public schools. A key responsibility will include serving as state consultant with an emphasis on the education of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.

Examples of duties:

- Provision of training and technical assistance to local education agencies and families specific to quality programs for students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment, particularly students with significant cognitive disabilities, students with autism spectrum disorders and students demonstrating behavioral needs;
- Provision of training, technical assistance and monitoring of district programs with respect to graduation and achievement outcomes for students with disabilities and across all race/ethnicity groups;
- Collaboration with department, agency and community representatives to ensure appropriate programs for students with disabilities;
- Program monitoring of state and federal laws and regulations, preparation of state and federal reports, and grant management;
- Mediation and complaint investigation;
- Identification and dissemination of best practices and models that meet the needs of students with special needs in the least restrictive environment; and
- Other duties as required by the Chief, Bureau of Special Education.

Knowledge, Skill and Ability:

Knowledge of the philosophy and methods of education, with particular reference to the least restrictive environment provisions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act 2004; knowledge of services and supports for students with disabilities in general education settings and across the continuum of placements, including those students with autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disability and students with behavioral needs, knowledge of research based practices and processes for creating access to the general education curriculum for students with disabilities; general knowledge of special education law and programs; knowledge of public school systems and knowledge of special education programs both public and private; skill in report writing and grantsmanship; familiarity with national trends and other state practices related to student support services; ability to contribute to small group meetings and individual discussions through interpersonal skills and professional knowledge; ability to achieve demonstrable outcomes of student success; and ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships.

General Experience:

Associate Education Consultant: An earned advanced degree and five (5) years of relevant professional experience or in lieu thereof, an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

Education Service Specialist: A Master's degree and three (3) years of professional experience, or in lieu thereof, an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

Preferred Experience and Training:

An advanced degree in the field of special education with concentration and experience in the education of students with disabilities in the least restrictive environment, ten years professional experience, serving as a regular and special education teacher and administrator, and demonstrated skills in oral and written communication, decision-making, and delivering presentations. Experience with students and staff at the secondary level, preferably high schools. Candidates should indicate a record of successive advancements and serving in leadership positions. Candidates should demonstrate familiarity with state and federal laws concerning special education; expertise in professional development; experience in evaluation of program effectiveness; and the ability to communicate and work cooperatively with persons in the Department and in the field concerning relevant and quality educational programs for special education children.

The Department encourages those applicants who do not meet the stated qualifications, but believe they possess equivalent qualifications to submit, in addition to their resumes, written statements indicating how their background and experience qualify them for the position.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should reference announcement #752, submit a letter of application and resume with details of experience and training, three pertinent professional letters of recommendation and an Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) which may be obtained from the Department of Education web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov> to: **Anne Louise Thompson, Chief, Bureau of Special Education, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 361, Hartford, CT 06106. Tel. # (860) 713-6911.** *Applications must be postmarked no later than the closing date for applications.* **All required documents must be submitted to be considered for interview.**

Closing date for applications: **December 30, 2011**

Anticipated date of employment: **February 17, 2012**

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