

Atlanta Speech School

Assistant Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Katherine Hamm Center

Start Date: August 2023

The mission of the Atlanta Speech School is to help each person develop his or her full potential through language and literacy. Established in 1938, the Atlanta Speech School serves children and adults with speech, hearing, language, or learning differences through clinical and educational programs, in addition to providing professional development for teachers and educators in partner schools and preschools. All of our programs are built upon a foundation of caring instruction, based on proven research, and strengthened with a depth of academic and clinical knowledge.

The Katherine Hamm Center has an opening for a full-time assistant teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The Katherine Hamm Center is a program for children from birth through PreK who are deaf or hard of hearing and on a journey to literacy through listening and spoken language. Students utilize listening technology to access all sounds of speech.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Katherine Hamm Center Assistant Teacher is an integral part of the development of each child in the classroom. The Assistant Teacher is a conversational partner and, when needed, a model for language and learning. The Assistant Teacher supports the Lead Teacher throughout daily routines, lesson implementation, and material creation/coordination. This is a full-time position.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE JOB:

- Being present in the classroom
- Following the Teacher's lesson plan
- Being knowledgeable of each student's goals (e.g., language, speech, auditory, social, etc.)
- Stimulating the development of each student (e.g., language, speech, auditory, social, etc.)
- Providing feedback to the Lead Teacher on their observations of students
- Assisting students in following programs, strategies, exercises identified/developed and introduced by the Lead Teacher
- Assisting with follow-up instruction for small groups or individuals
- Helping support large-group instruction as needed
- Ensuring a productive auditory environment (e.g., one person is speaking at a time, door is closed, remote microphone technology is utilized, etc.)
- Assisting in implementation of Lead Teacher's behavior regulation plan (using the same emphasis and techniques)
- Assisting the Lead Teacher in the preparation of materials (e.g., making, gathering, copying teaching materials, preparing classroom/bulletin board displays, etc.)
- Helping prepare and cleaning up after activities

- Assisting in students' arrival and departure
- Escorting students to places in the building (e.g., bathroom, media center, nurse, etc.)
- Assuming the activities of the Lead Teacher when the Lead is absent. The substitute will perform the Assistant Teacher's duties and the Assistant Teacher will assume the Lead Teacher's role.

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's Degree (preferably Communication Sciences & Disorders, Special Education, or Education)
- Knowledge or experience with child language development
- Knowledge or experience with children who are deaf or hard of hearing (preferred)

Among the many programs at the Atlanta Speech School, children and adults with hearing loss and language processing difficulties are served. Therefore, the clarity and accuracy of an applicant's speech and language may be part of the hiring decision as they relate to performing the essential functions of the position.

BENEFITS:

This 190-day, full-time school position offers a generous benefit package including health/dental/life/vision and long-term disability insurance; the School subsidizes health insurance premiums of staff and families. Other benefits include a Flexible Spending Account; 403(b) Plan; cost reduction of some Atlanta Speech School services; complimentary meals during working hours; and accrued sick leave.

SALARY:

Salary is commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY:

Please submit the following documents to ensure consideration: cover letter, resume, college transcript, and written submission describing how your particular skills, talents, and/or expertise could be beneficial to the Katherine Hamm Center (please limit to 500 words).

Email: hr@atlantaspeechschool.org

Subject line: Katherine Hamm Center Assistant Teacher

Please no phone inquiries.

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