

**STATE OF OHIO (DAS)**  
CLASSIFICATION  
SPECIFICATION

**CLASSIFICATION SERIES:**

Peripatologist

**SERIES NO.:**

6968

**MAJOR AGENCIES:**

Ohio School For The Blind

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**SERIES PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the peripatologist occupation is to train youths who are blind or visually impaired in order to provide them with the orientation & mobility skills necessary for independent travel in a variety of environments.

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**CLASS CONCEPT:**

The full performance level class works under general supervision & requires considerable knowledge of orientation & mobility for persons who are blind or visually handicapped in order to train youths to travel independently & confidently in a variety of environments & weather & lighting conditions.

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**JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE:** (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Evaluates training needs & skill level of youths who are either blind or visually handicapped & trains them in orientation, mobility & use of equipment in order for youths to travel independently & confidently in variety of environments, lighting conditions & weather conditions (e.g., bus travel; shopping skills in malls; indoor & outdoor environments; residential, medium business & downtown environments; proper use of canes, monoculars & sunwear).

Prepares general progress reports, instructional plans, travel records & statistical data relative to current students & writes Individual Educational Plans for future students who are to receive orientation & mobility training.

Provides counseling to students, parents & faculty (e.g., individual student's strengths & weaknesses; recommends aids); participates in staffing & in-service programs.

**MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Knowledge of psychosocial & medical aspects of deafness, visual impairment & blindness; orientation & mobility for visually impaired & blind; counseling; curriculum development & adaptations for visually handicapped & blind; Ohio traffic & white cane laws. Skill in operating automobile. Ability to assess, develop & deliver orientation & mobility training to persons who are blind or visually handicapped; establish & maintain good rapport with students; move whole body quickly & easily; prepare meaningful, accurate & concise reports & records.

**MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:**

Permanent or professional certificate in Orientation & Mobility or Peripatology from the Association for the Education & Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually Impaired; valid driver's license; minimum competency in sign language.

-Or alternative, equivalent evidence of the Major Worker Characteristics noted above.

**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:**

Not applicable.

**UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Requires travel & working outside in various weather conditions.