

Apply today and you could be... An Audiologist, for the Ministry of Health in Georgetown, Guyana

What's the context and purpose of the role?

With only six audiology practitioners in the whole of Guyana, your placement will provide training to more practitioners that will improve the provision for outreach work in other regions. You'll work in the Georgetown Public Hospital but will travel to other regions to provide support and training for outreach clinics. You'll have access to 2 diagnostic audiometers, 3 screening audiometers, tympanometers, OAE screeners, ABR screener and otoscopes .

What does the role involve?

- Assist in the rehabilitation of the hearing impaired (fitting of hearing aids; impression taking; follow up clinics; hearing aid evaluation).
- Work with the other departmental officers i.e. Speech Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists to define and deliver a comprehensive rehabilitation service.
- Provide the team with technical advice on aspects of amplification.
- Provide support for the delivery of hearing assessment, fitting of hearing aids and providing advice to senior audiological practitioners in preparing patient care plans.
- Assist the department to strengthen their existing services in the regions (in particular Suddie, Leonora and New Amsterdam, Linden).
- Develop awareness of auditory disorders and audiology services and support early detection programmes in schools.



What skills, experience and personal qualities are needed for the role?

You'll have a diploma or degree in audiology from a recognised institution and at least two years' experience of working with adults and children. You'll need experience of working with hearing impairments caused by various disabilities. You'll also need to have provided training in some capacity, as training staff will be an integral part of your work. Leadership and management skills are desirable, as are strong communication skills.

And the rest...

Georgetown is the capital city of Guyana, with a population of approximately 240,000. The city has good amenities including two theatres, cinemas, museum, and art gallery, restaurants, and bars and nightclubs and sports facilities. The climate is tropical with temperatures ranging from 28-32°C, with two rainy seasons. There's a good range of foods available with great fresh seafood and vegetables and it's very easy for vegetarians to live in Guyana. We'll ask you to commit to 12 - 24 months to make a sustainable contribution to our development goals. In return, we'll give you comprehensive financial, personal and professional support. We'll provide you with extensive training before your placement, and our financial package includes a local salary, return flights, accommodation, insurance and more. When you return to your home country, we'll help you to resettle and many of our returned volunteers stay involved with us long after their placement ends. www.vso.org.uk/volunteering