



Guide Dog Mobility Apprentice Instructor Position Delta, BC

Background:

British Columbia Guide Dog Services, also known as BC & Alberta Guide Dogs, is a registered Canadian Charity that breeds, raises and provides professionally trained Guide Dogs to blind and visually impaired individuals who reside in the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

Applications are invited for the position of Guide Dog Mobility Apprentice Instructor.

Position Overview:

Guide Dog Mobility Instructors are the professionals responsible for the delivery of Guide Dog services on behalf of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs.

Guide Dog Instructors fulfill many professional roles:

1. Guide Dog Training:

Within specific timescales, assess and train our adult dogs as proficient Guide Dogs in accordance with BC & Alberta Guide Dogs standards and Policies.

2. Client Interviewing and Assessment:

Complete in home interviewing and assessments of the needs of our applicants, establishing suitability and accurately identifying specific matching needs for successful outcomes.

3. Client Matching for Team Training:

Within specific timescales, match the most compatible client and dog, ensuring that client needs and BC & Alberta Guide Dog standards are met.

4. Guide Dog Client Team Training:

Within specific timescales, plan, organize and deliver practical and theoretical training to our clients to meet their individual needs and the standards of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs. We pride ourselves in producing a well-finished team supported by highly personalized training and aftercare programs.

5. Client Aftercare/Support Services:

Throughout the teams working life, provide follow up through our aftercare services. Aftercare is completed on an annual basis and, as a priority, in response to emergency situations or changing conditions.





6. Apprentice/Training Assistants Supervision and Training:

With advancement and seniority, Guide Dog Mobility Instructors will participate in the selection, supervision and training of new staff members.

Guide Dog Mobility Instructors, as professionals, represent BC & Alberta Guide Dogs at public events, presenting speeches, papers and demonstrating the work of our dogs. These activities may take place with corporations, foundations, community groups and service clubs. On a regular basis, our Instructors exchange professional knowledge with other professionals working in the field of autism both at home and abroad.

The Apprenticeship Program includes oral, written and practical examinations and goals. At all times the Apprentice is supervised by a qualified Guide Dog Mobility Instructor.

During class training and aftercare visits to the homes of our clients, staff are required to be away from home on the road Monday to Friday. Generally, trips are for 3 weeks at a time, returning home on the weekends.

This is a full-time salaried position with benefits. The successful candidate will undertake a three-year, apprenticeship program, based in our Delta, BC office.

We would like to hear from individuals who are college or university graduates, self-starters, strong team players, caring and compassionate and able to work independently and wish to join our professional team.

How to Apply:

Please email your cover letter and resume by Friday, December 29th, 2017 to William Thornton, CEO at: william.thornton@bcguidedog.com.

We thank all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Shortlisted candidates will be notified by Friday, January 12th, 2018. No phone calls please.

All interested parties, regardless of outcome, shall be treated with the utmost of confidentiality.

