



*Canadian Association of Educators
of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - British Columbia*

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Teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing:

To assist DHH students to become effective listeners (oral and visual), successful communicators, proficient readers/writers, & knowledgeable consumers of goods and services with the overall goal of becoming “Educated Citizens”.

With DHH Students and Families

- advocate for deaf and hard of hearing students
- work with newly diagnosed children and their families
- provide families and school staff with ongoing information and support
- teach DHH students of all ages
- provide early language intervention, ASL or spoken
- provide habilitation services to students with cochlear implants
- teach speech, auditory skills and all aspects of literacy (reading, writing and sign/oral language)
- teach a variety of subjects
- use a variety of communication methodologies (eg. American Sign Language or Auditory-verbal) so that all DHH students can access the core competencies
- support the social-emotional and academic inclusion of DHH students
- support/teach skills to confidently advocate for their rights to equal access.
- provide social/learning opportunities for DHH students to meet each other to build self-identity, self-esteem and a sense of belonging
- provide opportunities for DHH students to develop important transition skills necessary for success at post secondary institutions.
- provide Deaf role models, and exposure to Deaf culture and community
- monitor progress, assess, and provide ongoing feedback on goal achievements; teach/expose DHH students to various access technologies (ie. Video Relay Service, Realtime or Typewell captioning, Remote Interpreting, etc)

With Educational Teams

- Case-manage Individual Education Plans for Ministry designated students who are DHH; or work as part of IEP teams to insure access needs are addressed, adaptations are provided and personalized goals are set.

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- work with technology including soundfield systems, hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM systems
- provide training/workshops regarding educational implications of hearing loss to professionals and to hearing peers
- perform specialized functional assessments and recommendations to assist classroom teachers in creating more inclusive classrooms
- liaise with outside agencies (Provincial Outreach Program - Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Provincial Resource Program for Auditory Outreach, Provincial Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, other medical professionals, etc.) so that all DHH students can access the appropriate supports
- liaise with and support Visual Language Interpreters and Support Staff
- educate the school community, including the DHH students, on the role of the Visual Language Interpreter

What are the various jobs of a teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing?

- itinerant teacher
- teacher at the Provincial School for the Deaf
- early intervention specialist
- educational consultant

Is there a need for teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing?

Yes! Within the next five years, it is estimated that more than 30% of the teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing will be retiring!

A qualified TDHH is required to completed the necessary documentation to identify students under the ministry category deaf/hard of hearing.



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Where are the Training Programs for Teachers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students?

University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)

- Masters degree program leading to national certification as a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing.
- A combination of on-campus summer courses and part-time distance learning during the academic year allows students to remain in their home communities during the school year.
- Contact: Dr. Janet Jamieson, Director
Tel: 604-822-5262 (Voice or TDD)
e-mail: janet.jamieson@ubc.ca
website: www.ecps.educ.ubc.ca/deaf_hh/index.html

York University (Toronto, Ontario)

- Post-baccalaureate diploma Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program leads to national certification as a teacher of deaf and hard of hearing learners.
- Full-time (full-time study for one academic year) and part-time (offered over a three-year period) programs are available.
- Contact: Faculty of Education, York University,
Tel: (416) 736-5971 (voice) (416) 736-5972 (TTY)
E-mail: DeafEd@edu.yorku.ca
Website: www.edu.yorku.ca/deafed/

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