

**Marin County Office of Education (Marin COE)
as Administrative Agent for the
California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE)**

**Professional Expert Description
Assistant Director, Research Learning**

THE POSITION:

Under the direction of the Deputy Executive Director or designee, the Assistant Director of Research Learning supports the agency implement research and evidence to strengthen instructional practice and school leadership for the local educational agencies (LEAs) we serve. The Assistant Director of Research Learning will work with CCEE staff, statewide agencies, and other partners to find opportunities to better integrate research and practice, including, but not limited to the development and vetting of professional learning resources, facilitation of research learning networks, management of research practice partnership, and supporting research initiatives aimed at improving educational systems.

CCEE is looking for individuals with experience and expertise in developing and facilitating mutually beneficial collaborations that promote the production and use of research in K-12 educational settings.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Any one position may not include all of the listed duties, nor do all of the listed examples, include all tasks, which may be found in positions within this class. Job descriptions are written as a representative list of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) essential duties performed by the entire job classification. Typical tasks include any duties and responsibilities assigned to the Assistant Director job family, and:

- Leads the development of research-practice partnerships, including the identification and structuring of partnerships, development of joint research agendas, and the developing data agreements to support the research partnership
- Facilitates research learning networks comprising school and district leadership teams through cycles of data inquiry and change practice
- Leads the identification, vetting, expansion, and development of materials, resources, and activities to support evidence-based professional learning activities for local educational agencies
- Develops and implements project management systems, structures, and processes that will be used to manage the work of the various projects, activities, and contractors involved in the agency's professional learning initiatives
- Develops and leads cycles of inquiry based on data to improve evidence-based professional learning resources and activities, implementation strategies, and initiatives developed to support the use of research for decision-making within local educational agencies
- Supports the development of communication materials and activities in order to promote and publicize research and professional learning resources within the System of Support, in conjunction with the Assistant Director of Professional Learning and Leadership Development, other CCEE staff, and staff from the various statewide agency partners

- Provides regular initiative and project updates for the CCEE Governing Board, and presents to the Governing Board about progress toward organizational goals at regularly scheduled meetings
- Cultivates and maintains relationships with statewide agency partners, lead agencies, statewide associations, county offices of education, school districts, charter schools, advocacy groups, institutes of higher education, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and other entities to support the development, dissemination, and implementation of professional learning resources and activities to support continuous improvement and high-quality instructional practice within LEAs
- Serves as a member of the Leadership team, providing input to the Deputy Executive Director, and implementing organizational initiatives
- Supervises, trains, and evaluates assigned personnel for the purpose of ensuring that standards are achieved, and performance is maximized

Performs other duties as assigned requiring essentially the same effort, skill and responsibilities when work requirements are changed or modified.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION:

Master's degree in an education-related field from an accredited college/university is required.

EXPERIENCE:

A minimum of four years developing, leading, and project managing educational research initiatives and working in a K-12 classroom or school setting. Experience leading systems improvement efforts in districts and schools, preferably with district office or county office experience at the cabinet level. Applicants must be able to demonstrate significant experience and expertise in developing and managing research projects and facilitating experiential, job-embedded, and interactive learning for adults in the K-12 education domain.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- California policy context, including Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) policy, the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) process, and California Education Code related to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence and the Statewide System of Support
- Improvement Science Methodologies and associated theory (e.g., organizational psychology, Deming's System of Profound Knowledge, Carnegie's Six Principles, Total Quality Management)
- Title I, II, III and other federal funding-related improvement planning initiatives
- High leverage strategies for engaging education-focused state agencies, local educational agencies, nonprofits, and community partners
- English learners, foster/homeless youth, special education, talented and gifted programs, college and career readiness/CTE, school climate, rural settings, and labor management
- Principles and practices of management, supervision and staff evaluation
- Basic budgetary practices

SKILLS AND ABILITY TO:

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- Translate research findings for non-technical audiences
- Develop, deliver, and evaluate professional learning that is built upon:
 - a relevant body of research or basis of evidence and meaningfully applies research into practice
 - a framework of equity and models instructional practices that promote equity
- Develop and deliver effective professional learning to support various education stakeholders through experiential, job-embedded, and interactive activities and resources
- Develop, deliver, and measure the impact of professional learning resources, tools, and sessions on school and district systems as well as student outcomes

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- Learn and apply CCEE's administrative regulations, policies and procedures, Board Policies, and California Education Code related to the CCEE
- Schedule, coordinate, and monitor a wide range of activities, tasks, and projects across multiple internal and external teams
- Effectively plan, develop, administer, implement, and evaluate activities and programs related to assignment
- Manage multiple projects, including establishing and meeting project deadlines and ensuring that external teams successfully complete projects and activities
- Implement and monitor instructional strategies that promote academic achievement and English language proficiency
- Develop and monitor program budgets
- Analyze issues, create plans of actions, and reach appropriate and effective solutions
- Create and maintain project documentation for internal and external purpose.

FACILITATION

- Develop and implement engaging agendas, meeting/activity facilitation guides, and presentations aimed at a variety of audiences
- Facilitate large, cross-agency meetings with a variety of partners, including but not limited to: statewide agencies, lead agencies, LEAs, technical assistance providers, researchers, and member associations
- Coordinate, schedule, and manage in-person and virtual meetings and learning opportunities.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Develop systems and processes for establishing and maintaining effective communications both internally and with external partners using a variety of channels and media
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, statewide agency partners, lead agency representatives, school district and county officer personnel, and other agency personnel.

OTHER

- Perform professional level tasks with a need to frequently upgrade skills

- Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing
- Work independently with little direction
- Work evenings and weekends as needed and perform job safely
- Meet the frequent travel requirements of the position.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions:

- Hearing and speaking to exchange information and make presentations
- Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate a computer keyboard
- Driving a vehicle to conduct work
- Seeing to conduct inspection of data
- Occasional lifting or carrying up to 15 lbs.
- Occasional climbing, balancing, pushing, pulling, stooping, kneeling, and crouching
- Significant fine-finger dexterity
- Generally, the job requires 70% sitting, 15% walking, and 15% standing.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee:

- Regularly works in inside environmental conditions with:
 - minimal temperature variations
 - a generally hazard-free environment
 - a clean atmosphere
- Frequently works with a video display terminal for prolonged periods
- The noise level is typical of an open office work environment with background noise of telephones and conversations
- Works under stressful conditions with interruptions and shifting demands.

CERTIFICATES/CREDENTIALS/LICENSES:

- Valid California Driver's License required