JOB DESCRIPTION: Early Childhood Intern and Program Assistant



SUMMARY:

This position is a full-time intern teacher/program assistant in an Early Childhood classroom of children 2-1/2 to 6 years of age. The primary responsibilities are to assist the Lead Teacher in maintaining a safe, clean, and engaging learning environment.

As an Intern, you will gradually be given opportunities and responsibilities to help you meet your training requirements and develop the competencies needed for effective teaching. Your role will include program assistant responsibilities including supervision of the children in either the before or after school program. This is an essential position to provide childcare in the event of a school/classroom closure.

CALENDAR / FTE:	STATUS:	COMPENSATION:
Academic Year / 1.0	Non-exempt / Hourly	\$19 - \$23/hr. – Benefit Eligible
DEPARTMENT/LEVEL:	REPORTS TO:	DATE:
Early Childhood / Entry	Program Director	August 2023

DUTIES: (include but are not limited to)

- Assist Montessori teacher in preparing and maintaining a clean and neat environment.
- Overseeing the classroom while the teacher gives lessons.
- Prepare and serve daily snacks.
- Supervising lunch and recess
- · Assist with arrivals and dismissals.
- Participating in giving lessons, record keeping, conferences and report preparation as specified in your Practicum Handbook

BE PROFESSIONAL:

- Respect and maintain confidentiality regarding school or staff issues.
- Arrive at school promptly, attend regularly, and notify your supervisor if you leave the facility at any time other than lunch.
- Maintain a clean, professional appearance.
- Maintain an up-to-date professional development record.
- Maintain a high level of organization to facilitate the management of all facets of your responsibilities.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor or master's degree from an accredited college or university
- Enrollment in a MACTE approved AMS Teacher Credential program.
- Infant/Child & Adult CPR (to be completed within 30 days of hire)
- First Aid (to be completed within 30 days of hire)
- HIV/Blood-borne Pathogens (to be completed within 14 days of hire)
- Food Worker Card (to be completed within 7 days of hire)
- Child Care Basics (to be completed within 90 days of hire)
- DCYF Portable Background check (to be completed prior to date of hire)
- Professional record up to date in MERIT Registry

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous experience in childcare or working with young children.
- Understands the developmental stages of children.
- Knowledgeable enough to perform procedures independently with limited supervision

KEY PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- Attuned to variations in learning style of individual students and willing to adapt to them.
- Demonstrated enjoyment and understanding of children.
- Demonstrated ability to write proficiently, speak in public and work with adults.

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- Ability to work successfully in a collaborative team relationship.
- Demonstrated ability to create and maintain collaborative working relationships with families and students.
- Work with children in a warm, patient, calm, respectful and confident manner
- High level of organization and attention to detail and an understanding of how to convey this to students.
- Able to handle the stress and demands of the teaching profession.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Maintain a calm demeanor in a busy, highly flexible environment.
- Understand and execute verbal and written instruction, policies and procedures and implement them with a degree of independence.
- Use tact, courtesy, and good judgment.
- Model and monitor appropriate student behaviors and communication skills.
- Maintain mental and physical alertness and an appropriate level of energy to perform essential job requirements

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Must remain flexible to meet the immediate needs of students, staff, and school.
- Is required to handle multiple tasks simultaneously and prioritize.
- May experience frequent interruptions.
- · May work outside in all weather conditions.

Physical demands:

- Stand for at least 3 hours.
- Go on a walk with children at a fairly rigorous pace for at least one (1) hour.
- Sit on the floor and get up quickly.
- Demonstrate full range of motion to kneel, stoop, bend, twist, crouch, crawl, reach up high.
- Climb and balance.
- Walk and run after children on a playground or as needed.
- May lift, move, or hold children with a range of weight from 10 to 50 pounds, frequently.
 (Occasionally, lift, move, or hold weight more than 50 pounds)
- Capable of expressing, instructing, and exchanging ideas by means of the spoken English word and
 engage in and respond to activities where detailed or important spoken instructions must be
 conveyed to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly (emergency evacuations, etc.).
- Must possess acceptable hearing and visual capabilities, to determine the accuracy, neatness, and thoroughness of the work assigned, and to monitor the environment and children's well-being.
- Able to fully participate in activities.

Mental and emotional demands:

- Focuses on the children and their safety as the highest priority at all times.
- Able to tolerate occasionally noisy and busy children.
- Communicates with colleagues and families under stressful conditions.
- Coordinates well with coworkers, verbally and nonverbally.
- Displays a positive attitude

OFFICE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS:

• Technology proficient including Office Suite, Email, and Internet

UPON HIRE:

Complete an Employment Eligibility Form and submit documentation to Human Resources for review and verification to comply with the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act. All offers of hire are contingent upon passing a nation-wide criminal history check, which requires the employee to provide fingerprints.

The information presented indicates the general nature and level of work expected of employees in this classification. It is not designed to contain, or to be interpreted as, a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications, and objectives required of employees assigned to this job.

Employee Signature	_ Date
Supervisor Signature	_Date

I have read this Job Description and I understand the duties, requirements, characteristics, and skills. I certify

that I am capable and qualified to carry out these duties as described above.