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Group: Education

Position: Assistant Educator (Out-of-School Time)

Reports to: OST Programs Coordinator

FLSA status: up to 29 hours per week (part time); hourly (\$14.00)

Schedule is Monday-Friday, with an option of fewer days, from 2:00-5:30 pm when Albuquerque Public School is in session; this position is for the 2024/2025 school year.

Position Summary:

Responsible for facilitating inquiry-based and experiential learning experiences for an out-of-school time audience of middle school students; supporting middle school students in completing homework assignments; creating STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) interactions that are engaging, effective, and memorable for program participants. Model Explora's pedagogy, demonstrate excellent customer service, create a welcoming atmosphere, be community-minded, and contribute positively to the Explora Education Team. Preferred qualifications: Degree-in-progress in a field of emphasis (i.e. education, family studies, physical science, biology, art, early childhood, etc.) or equivalent experience in out-of-school education settings. Explora is committed to sustaining a culturally diverse staff that reflects the demographics of New Mexico and strongly encourages applications from candidates of color.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Create a welcoming out-of school time program at an area middle school
- Facilitate inquiry and experiential educational programs
- Create STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) interactions that are engaging, effective, and memorable for program participants
- Support middle school students in completing homework
- Collaborate with other educators and Explora staff members in the development of programs and maintenance of program materials
- Deal appropriately with troubling situations or comments; escalate situations quickly to lead education and/or manager
- Comply with all operational policies of Explora and school sites, especially those involving the safety of program participants, fellow workers, volunteers, and visitors

- Demonstrate excellent customer service and create a welcoming atmosphere at all times
- Interact well with students, school staff, parents, and co-workers
- Maintain a current and valid driver's license to perform work duties if position requires activities that require travel
- Work Monday-Friday from 2:30-6pm on days Albuquerque Public Schools is in session
- The duties and responsibilities outlined above do not comprise a comprehensive list but are intended to provide a representation of the general nature and level of work performed by an employee in this capacity; Explora maintains the right to augment or delete duties and responsibilities as business dictates

Minimum Qualifications:

- Experience working with young teens, especially in an informal setting
- Degree-in-progress in field of emphasis (i.e. education, family studies, physical science, biology, art, early childhood). An equivalent combination of education and/or experience may be substituted, as long as it directly relates to the essential duties and responsibilities
- Expressed interest in scientific and artistic phenomena and in education
- Ability to work both independently and with a team
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, and planning skills; good verbal and written communication skills
- Bilingual in Spanish preferred

Functional Work Characteristics:

- Requires standing and/or walking, with regular need to perform physical actions that include, sitting, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, handling materials, pulling, carrying, and pushing
- May occasionally require lifting of various materials and equipment to a maximum of 50 pounds
- Facility may expose employee to loud noise levels, temperature changes, and physical obstacles
- Must pass a federal background check upon employment
- Must complete First Aid and CPR training upon employment

Work Conditions:

- Most essential duties are performed in a museum/out-of-school time setting and office environment with exposure to a variety of business equipment and other pertinent materials normally found in this type of work setting.

- Facilities may expose incumbent to high noise levels, temperature changes, liquid nitrogen, helium gas, electrical exposure, unpredictable ventilation, dust, and physical obstacles.
- Work is normally performed in an area of limited privacy.

Employee Acknowledgement:

This job description is intended to convey information essential to understanding the scope of this position, it is not intended to be an exhaustive list of skills, efforts, duties, responsibilities, or working conditions associated with the position. Explora maintains the right to augment or delete duties and responsibilities as business needs dictate.

I have read and understand the entire contents of this job description, including the work demands and expectations of this position. I understand that my employment at Explora is employment “at will” and may be concluded at the convenience of Explora Science Center and Children’s Museum of Albuquerque. I am aware of my right to notify my employer of any reasonable accommodation that may be necessary to perform this work. I further believe to the best of my knowledge that I am able to perform these duties and responsibilities. If I determine that an accommodation may be necessary at a later date, I shall notify my employer. I understand that my employer maintains certain rights as well under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Employee signature

Date signed

Director signature

Date signed

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