Curious Minds

TEMPORARY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Early Childhood Education Teacher

Department: Curious Minds Early Care and Education Center
Position: Temporary twelve-month position (eight hours per day).
Salary: $12.00 per hour plus full Montana University System benefits.
Posting Date: April 2016

Description

Curious Minds: Early Care and Education Center is a lab school annually serving approximately 25 children age two to eight and their families. The program also serves over 100 University of Montana students each year who participate in field experiences, observation and research in the Curious Minds facility.

The Assistant Teacher will work with the Lead Teacher to develop and implement all aspects of an innovative, exemplary, model preschool program.

Requirements

Minimum qualifications for this position include a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education, three years of experience working with groups of children ages two through six, experience coaching and mentoring adults, knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices, rich environments, Reggio Emilia, the Project Approach, and authentic assessment.

At a minimum, qualified candidates must demonstrate an ability to:

- assist Lead Teacher (LT) in developing rich indoor and outdoor environments
- assist LT in coordinating and implementing child assessments including portfolios
- work with LT to develop and implement curriculum at Curious Minds that assists children in meeting state and national learning outcomes
- implement effective routines and schedules
- provide and model positive guidance
- assist LT in developing and implementing a family-involved program including family teacher conferences, newsletters, and family events;
- assist LT in providing daily supervision for work study and lab students in following Curious Minds' protocols
- work collaboratively with a diverse group of people, using effective interpersonal, written and oral communication skills;
- engage in ongoing professional development;
- and lift up to 50 pounds.
Application

Send a letter of application addressing each of the requirements listed above, a resume and the names, telephone numbers and addresses of three employment-related references to:

Estee Aiken
The University of Montana Western
710 S Atlantic St
Dillon, MT 59725

Direct questions to Estee Aiken: (406) 683-7035.

Screening of applications will begin May 10, 2016 and the position will remain open until filled.

The University & Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western, located in Dillon, MT, is an innovative institution nestled in a scenic valley in the Rocky Mountains of southwestern Montana. The campus Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for student enrollment is approximately 1,289. Montana Western has over 60 FTE faculty members, features small cases for all students and has been recognized for excellence by U.S. News and World Report. Montana Western’s small size and focus on education innovation have earned it the reputation of being a place where faculty and staff chose to collegially and creatively make a difference in the education of students. Montana Western is the first and only public four-year college in the nation to use block scheduling in which students take a single class at a time. This immersion learning program facilitates increased opportunities for experiential types of learning.

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Dillon, a community of 5,000 people, is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.