

Job Details

Job Location Philadelphia, PA

Hourly Rate \$25/hr teaching \$15/hr prep

Description

Taller Puertorriqueño Mission Statement

Taller Puertorriqueño, a community based cultural organization whose primary purpose is to preserve, develop, and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture, grounded in the conviction that embracing one's cultural heritage is empowering. Taller is also committed to the representation and support of other Latino cultural expressions and our common roots.

The Afterschool Program

Our after school program has played an important role in serving our community. Continuing traditions of art-making for social justice, we also see the arts as a tool to foster economic mobility, community building, the sharing & preservation of Puerto Rican culture & voices, as well as fostering self-discovery and emotional wellness. Many of our alum share how their experience as students in Taller's after school program has had a positive impact on their life. The afterschool program runs from 3pm-6pm Monday–Friday with classes that rotate every other day for students ages 5-14. There are three semesters: Fall, Winter and Summer that run during the school year.

Job Description

The Teaching Artist is responsible for planning and implementing performing or visual art lessons to youth which incorporate Puerto Rican & Latinx culture. This position carries a high degree of responsibility for the students' physical and emotional safety and are therefore expected to serve with the utmost professionalism, care, and integrity. The Teaching Artist is supervised by the Education Manager and Coordinator. This is a part-time seasonal position that is not eligible for benefit.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Must be able to obtain all necessary clearances, background checks, state mandated training (such as CPR and the 10hr Health & Safety), a physical and tuberculosis test, and can provide documentation of education and experience before start date. This is in compliance with the city of Philadelphia's requirements.
- Create structured lesson plans for youth ages 5-14 which incorporate Puerto Rican and other Latinx cultures. Lesson plans are due at the beginning of each semester and must incorporate our mission and theme.

- Prepare students for a culminating event at the end of each semester. This typically involves an art show, performances, food, and an award ceremony with families, staff and funders present.
- Ability to effectively manage a classroom and foster a compassionate and loving environment.
- Participate in training and ongoing professional development as assigned or coordinated by direct supervisor
- Adhere to program schedule, structure, and contract requirements.
- Maintain classroom and inventory of supplies. This includes cleaning, organizing, decorating and creating supply lists at the start of each semester.
- Willing to attend field trips, support workshops for students and attend events where students may have the opportunity to perform, sell or share their work.
- Serve as a positive role model for all youth enrolled in programming.
- Document students and their work– while being mindful of consent and privacy concerns– for Taller Puertorriqueño use.
- Knowledge of both Spanish and English languages is preferred but not required.

Qualifications/Requirements

- At least 2 years of experience working directly with youth.
- Accredited University coursework in the Arts, Education, or other related fields OR extensive experience and skill as a working artist.
- Knowledge of or interest in Puerto Rican & Latinx culture.
- Knowledge of and interest in positive youth development, social emotional learning, and meeting accessibility needs.
- Trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, and open minded individuals who are willing to embrace and accept our students regardless of their race, class, ability, gender or orientation.
- Ability to arrive early or on time for each class, communicate openly with Program Coordinator & Manager, and take time to prepare class materials and lessons each week.
- Must be resourceful and willing to establish and maintain good working relationships with peers, partners and parents of youth enrolled in programming.
- Experience creating structured lesson plans or a willingness to learn.

Work Environment:

Taller is a bilingual space where all of our staff speak or understand both Spanish and English at varying degrees. Our Education staff are a wonderful team of creatives with a passion for wellness, nature and holistic approaches to learning & healing. As a teaching artist you will have access to use our space to host classes, events or simply to work on your own creative projects. We host various events with music, food, and dancing. We also offer mural and building tours and workshops, and have art exhibits featuring Latinx artists in our gallery.