

PENINSULA SCHOOL

Nursery Teacher

(Part-Time Position)

An exciting opportunity to work in a school community committed to progressive education, diversity, and social justice. Peninsula School, one of the oldest and most unique progressive day schools in California, is renowned as a place where students love to come to school each day and where academics, the arts and student choices are all equally valued.

Founded in 1925, Peninsula has 252 children 3-14 years of age. Our supportive and welcoming administrative staff invites enthusiastic and dedicated applicants to join our teaching staff in inspiring children to love learning.

Nursery Teaching Position:

Peninsula School's Nursery Program is a half-day program for children ages 3-4. Primary responsibilities include: maintaining a nurturing early childhood environment, interacting with individual and group dynamics, and working with nursery staff to shape and maintain the philosophy and values of the nursery program. The Teacher helps to enrich the children's experience at the school and provides assistance to help the Head Teacher effectively carry out the program. The school views the Teaching Assistant's contribution in the classroom as a critical component of the child's experience.

Primary duties and responsibilities include:

General Duties:

- Implement the class program as directed by the Head Teacher.
- Conduct the class program when the Head Teacher is not present.
- Assist with classroom set-up and organization.
- Carry out the philosophy of the school, including fostering a love of learning, promoting the child's independence, and demonstrating a respect for the children.
- Exhibit a positive attitude toward teaching staff, administration and families.
- Ensure the safety and well-being of the children.
- Perform other duties as directed by the Head Teacher.

Specific responsibilities:

- Maintain CPR and first aid certification.
- Establish close relationships with children, parents and teachers and maintain consistent communication with the Head Nursery teacher and other nursery assistants.
- Assist children with improving interpersonal relationships and solving conflicts or issues with other children.
- Maintain good working relationship and communication with nursery and childcare teachers regarding use of mutual/shared classroom facilities.
- Attend and participate as requested in staff meetings.
- Participate in professional development opportunities.
- Maintain a clean, attractive, well-equipped nursery environment conducive to each child's individual growth.

- Supervise children within the nursery environment and engage children in age-appropriate activities.
- This position is for 9 months of the year at 15-20+ hours per week; hourly rate: \$23.16/hr (Benefits package available. If additional hours are desired, participating in the school's Childcare Program is possible.)

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication skills and the ability to work both independently and within a team-oriented environment. In addition, a willingness and ability to be responsive and flexible in meeting family's needs is a priority. Individual must have current CPR and First Aid Certification. Completion of 12 ECE units (including core classes: Child Development; Child Family & Community; Program/Curriculum) is required. A year of work experience in a nursery school, licensed childcare center, or similar program is preferred.

Peninsula School is an equal opportunity employer and we actively promote the principles and practices of diversity throughout the school community. We offer competitive compensation and a progressive community dedicated to learning and engaged citizenship. We encourage people of under-represented groups to apply (<http://peninsulaschool.org/equity-and-inclusion.html>). Please send cover letter and resume, in MS word or PDF format, to misha.m@peninsulaschool.org or fax to (650) 325-1313 by May 26th, 2017.