North Seattle College Cooperative Preschools

Started over 50 years ago, the NSC Cooperative Preschool Program offers a warm and gentle introduction to school and community life for young children and their families. Adults and children learn together, grow together, and actively build a community together.

For children, co-op is a safe and nurturing place in which to explore and have fun. Social, emotional and intellectual skills are learned through cooperative and creative play. For parents, it’s a place to improve parenting skills, help shape their child’s first school environment, and form lasting friendships.

For kids and parents alike, co-op builds self-confidence and competence. But most of all, co-op is fun!

On-Campus (NSC) Preschool Co-op Thursday Class Teacher

We are looking for an enthusiastic, warm, and caring individual to lead our weekly Thursday morning toddler co-op classroom starting in June 2016. This individual will lead toddlers, ages 1-2.5 years, and their parents throughout each class day during the academic year.

The On-Campus Thursday Class Board (made up of current parents), along with the Teacher, and Parent Educator strive to create and support a positive environment in which both children and adults can learn and guide toddler-aged children. The role of the Teacher is to plan and deliver a curriculum to meet the needs of both the children and their parents.

Essential Responsibilities

- Teach 20+ toddler-aged children and their parents every Thursday morning by leading them with songs, books, and activities suited to their appropriate interests and age.
- Setup and cleanup for each weekly class.
- Attend monthly evening Parent Education Meetings.
- Foster and maintain a cooperative relationship between other toddler co-op Teachers, Parent Educators, and parents.
- Participate on the All Toddler Board (ATB) and attend four evening ATB meetings a year.
- Attend optional Teacher in-service meetings organized by the Parent Educators (once a month).
- Plan, buy, and coordinate with other toddler Teachers to purchase curriculum/classroom supplies.
- Work with Parent Educator to plan weekly class curriculum for the children as well as topics for parent education sessions.
- Teach 6-8 weeks of Summer school classes, if there is enough interest/enrollment.
- Organize 2-3 All Toddler Classes cleanup days (to be decided by the toddler Teachers).
- Communicate your monthly schedule with parents.
- In the beginning of the academic year, work with the Class Board to make a smooth transition between the last class and incoming class. (Emails, meetings, etc.)
- Work for at least 25 hours a month, in addition to regular class time and Board meetings, on communication, planning, cleanup, setup, and meetings.
- Work with Class Board to recruit families for the next academic year.
- Assist and answer questions from the Class Board with their duties.
Qualifications

- Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field, or equivalent combination of education and experience, with co-op experience preferred
- Knowledge of child development theory and practice, with the ability to develop age-appropriate curriculum and activities for children that encourage healthy growth through play-based learning
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills with both children and adults
- Enthusiasm for and commitment to the collaborative nature of a cooperative preschool
- Ability and comfort in frequently moving between different physical classroom stations (kitchen, play areas, circle time, etc.) and positioning self to interact with children in these areas (on play equipment, on the floor, etc.)
- Ability and comfort in occasionally carrying and/or comforting toddler-aged children
- First Aid and CPR certified, or ability to get certification if hired

To Apply

Please email the following to NSCToddlers@gmail.com.

- A brief cover letter
- Your salary requirements
- A sample lesson plan for children between 1 and 2.5 years old in a 2-hour class
- Your resume
- And three professional/applicable references.