The Children’s Museum’s mission is to provoke lifelong experiential learning and innovation among children, adults, and their communities. We do this by offering hands-on fun and STEAM activities for younger children, their caregivers, community organizations, and schools. At the Museum and in classrooms throughout Connecticut (and beyond), we encourage children to become creative thinkers and lifelong learners. Children engage in our interactive demonstrations, workshops, multi-sensory exhibits, wildlife sanctuary, and other special events. Our unique Children’s Museum Preschool, located within our West Hartford campus, integrates science and play-based experiences into early childhood learning. Nearby Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton offers animal and environmental exhibits, nature programs, birthday parties, scout activities, concerts, hiking, bird watching, cross-country skiing, and is home to our Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic.

Job Type: Full Time Preschool Assistant Teacher

Schedule: Monday to Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm

Qualifications

- Associate (Preferred)
- Teaching: 1 year (Preferred)
- Early childhood education: 1 year (Preferred)
- First Aid Certification (Preferred)
- Teaching Certification (Preferred)

Location

180 Mohegan Dr, West Hartford, CT 06117

Full Job Description

We are hiring for a qualified full time Preschool Assistant Teacher to support the Lead Teachers in the classroom. All Preschool staff must have great love and patience for children. Qualifications needed to teach them effectively include knowledge of best practices and preschool educational methods as well as the ability to engage them and earn their trust and attention. The goal is to contribute to the healthy mental and emotional development of the child so they can more easily acclimate to the next level of education.
Responsibilities

- Deliver engaging and creative activities suitable for preschool children
- Employ a variety of educational techniques (storytelling, educational play, media, etc.) to teach children
- Observe each child and help them improve their social competencies and build self-esteem
- Encourage children to interact with each other and resolve occasional arguments
- Guide children to develop their artistic and practical capabilities through a carefully constructed curriculum (identify shapes, numbers, or colors, do crafts, etc.)
- Organize nap and snack hours and supervise children to ensure they are safe at all times
- Track children’s progress and report to lead teachers
- Communicate with parents regularly to understand the children’s background and psyche
- Collaborate with other educators
- Maintain a clean and tidy classroom consistent with health and safety standards

Skills Required

- Proven experience in a childcare setting
- Basic Understanding of the principles of child development and preschool educational methods
- Familiarity with safety and sanitation guidelines for classrooms
- Excellent communication and instructional skills
- Ability to act as a mediator between children
- Cool-tempered, friendly, and reliable
- A balance between a creative mind and a practical acumen
- Certification in child CPR and first aid

Job Type: Full Time/Non-Exempt

Pay: From $15.00 per hour

Benefits:

- Medical/life insurance options
- Paid Time Off
- Museum Membership

Apply to: send resume with a cover letter to jbostrom@thechildrensmuseumct.org or apply in-person Mon-Fri 9:30am-4pm at The Children’s Museum and Preschool 180 Mohegan Drive West Hartford CT. 06117.