

New Canaan Nature Center

Preschool Part-Time Teacher- 3’s, 4’s or 5’s Classes

The New Canaan Nature Center Preschool, a nature based, NAEYC accredited preschool is seeking dynamic and experienced part-time teachers for our 3’s program, 4 mornings a week. And our 4’s program, 5 mornings and 2 afternoons a week. Candidates must have a Bachelors or Associates degree in Early Childhood Education, Environmental Education or presently enrolled in a program.  Master’s degree is highly beneficial.  Experience teaching in nature and play based programs with young children a must.  This teacher will be outside every day with the class in all kinds of weather on our 40-acre nature preserve.  The NCNC Preschool is looking for a dedicated, compassionate and caring individual who enjoys working with young children in a nature-based preschool environment.

Teaching/Class Responsibilities

* Create a classroom environment that is living the best practices of nature-based early childhood education as well as applying best practice in pedagogy and assessment.
* Support and guide every child’s social, emotional and cognitive development in a positive and proactive fashion.
* Supervise and facilitate a developmentally appropriate learning environment for children throughout the school day, including indoor and outdoor learning and activity times, class meetings, clean-up, bathroom break, snack, stories, etc.
* Plan class activities to incorporate as much outdoor learning and activity time as possible.
* Establish positive and productive relationships with preschool families.
* Assist with inside and outside classroom organization and general cleanliness, and maintenance including plant and animal care.
* Serve as a substitute teacher for all Preschool classes, Mommy, Me & Nature, Lunch Bunch and Environmental Education Programs when available and needed.
* Post ***weekly*** lesson plans on the parent information bulletin boards in cubby rooms; and add to lesson plan book in Preschool Director’s office weekly.
* Email journals to families at least ***once*** a week, including descriptions of class activities, photos, announcements, upcoming class and preschool events and Nature Center as a whole, etc.
* Observe in-house classrooms at least twice per year.
* Meet all NAEYC accreditation and Connecticut licensing mandates.
* Be open- minded and willing to try new ideas and new ways of doing things to improve instruction, assessment, relationships, effectiveness, efficiency and any other relevant behaviors and skills.
* Incorporate developmentally appropriate, nature and play based early childhood subjects and activities within a professional environment of sustainability.
* Evaluate effectiveness of curriculum on a daily basis.
* Proactively plan and schedule EE Buddy Teacher visits and experiences for your class.
* Plan, communicate and cooperate with your teaching team.
* Participate in staff development and continuing education.
* Participate in *three* parent/teacher conferences (in person and/or via telephone) as well as other conferences with parents which are scheduled throughout the year as needed. Complete and share two written forms with parents, Complete all Child Assessments.
* Manage compliance with health and safety and cleaning protocols within the classroom.
* Proactively participate in compilation and maintenance of NAEYC classroom and program portfolios and all other aspects of successful NAEYC accreditation renewal process.
* Participate in all staff meetings.

**Professional Staff Duties and responsibilities**

* Serve as in-house expert on early childhood environmental education, and serve a similar role for the education profession outside of the Nature Center.
* Actively participate in creating effective solutions for program, department and organization.
* Establish rapport and trust with others, including parents, supervisors and colleagues.
* Work as part of the larger NCNC team.

For more information: [www.newcanaannature.org](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.newcanaannature.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cchobby%40newcanaannature.org%7C8d99257b473949aa7ca308d94bb19bde%7Ca0fd00d808bc47ab9905d11900ee481e%7C1%7C0%7C637624048470918986%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8U9NbKWP6ssx0a%2BSmho9HOksOFXXxggwWgw2%2F0DXt38%3D&reserved=0)

Email cover letter, resume and 2 references to Chelsey Hobby