

Assistant Teacher (3 or More Positions) Children's Learning Center

Position Summary:

The Children's Learning Center at Mitchell College is a preschool program that serves the children and families in Southeastern Connecticut. The program provides multiple opportunities to address a family's need for quality education. Emphasis is placed on family involvement, creating a link between the home and school, and ensuring that family members are actively involved in their child's early educational experience. The curriculum infuses a Reggio Emilia inspired approach based on principles that make children partners in the learning process. The classroom environment is shaped by each child's unique curiosity. As a laboratory school, the Children's Learning Center guides Mitchell College students to achieve their educational and professional goals through diverse and challenging internships.

Teacher Assistants for the Children's Learning Center at Mitchell College program assist the Head Teacher in planning and implementing learning experiences that advance the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of children within a safe, healthy learning environment. They encourage the involvement of the families and children of the program and support the development of relationships between children and their families. The person in this position understands the importance of early childhood education, with the knowledge of appropriate practice, and can step into the teacher's role during his/her absence. These positions will have a schedule of up to 29 hours per week and must have availability to work Monday through Friday, between the hours of 6am and 6pm.

Required Education and Experience:

- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field required, bachelor's degree (ECE, child development, or a related field) preferred;
- 2 or more years of directly related experience.
- CPR/First Aid certification.
- Experience assisting teachers in planning and implementing activities with children (ages 3-5), consistent with developmentally appropriate curriculum.
- Proof of a physical examination within the last six months (including a TB test), and compliance with other background checks as required by the OEC/DPH licensing;
- Knowledge of CT-ELDS and a Reggio Emilia inspired approach to curriculum
- Proven ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with students, faculty, and parents

Mitchell College is a small, private college that has been an invaluable resource for southeastern Connecticut for over 75 years. Mitchell's personal, mentoring approach activates strengths in our students that allows them to achieve levels of success and leadership they may not yet have imagined for themselves. Mitchell has a strong tradition of celebrating and supporting diverse ways of learning, and is committed to the broader community through partnerships and internships. Located on a beautiful waterfront campus in historic New London, it is also home to championship NCAA Division III athletics and the Duquès Academic Success Center, which includes the renowned Bentsen Learning Center.

These positions are FLSA non-exempt and are paid bi-weekly. For full consideration, please send an email of interest, your resume and 3 references (contact information or letters) to jobs@mitchell.edu. Positions will be filled when suitable applicant interest has been received. For further information regarding our application procedures, you may visit <u>http://mitchell.edu/careers/</u>.

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