



## **Employment Opportunity: Preschool Teaching Assistant**

Join a unique, family-centered team! A preschool teaching assistant / “play worker” is sought for the outstanding preschool at Northwest School for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children.

Located in Shoreline (north Seattle), our school community is a fantastic place to work for those seeking a caring, mutually supportive workplace that is dedicated to best practices in Deaf Education. Our program serves children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH), preschool through 8th grade. Students are enrolled in a self-contained, day school setting. All students wear amplification, and access state of the art Roger & soundfield systems. Preschool classes are small, ranging from three to six students.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Assisting the Teacher of the Deaf in all preschool activities including but not limited to: Supporting classroom routines, transitions, and instructional goals; management and checking of assistive listening devices; facilitating play and social interactions with peers during class and at recess; helping with student management; participation in toileting routines and toilet training; assisting with individualized records keeping and data collection of pre-academic skills; materials preparation and small group activity management.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- A passion for playful learning and working with young children
- An understanding of the developmental stages and needs of preschool students
- Patience, clear communication habits, reliability, enthusiasm, and creativity
- At least one year of experience in an educational setting, preferably in Early Childhood Education, or equivalent
- Signing Exact English communication skills or the desire to acquire them as soon as possible via personal study and classes
- Excellent time management and people skills
- Commitment to punctuality, confidentiality, and mutual support of coworkers
- Flexibility in service of addressing student needs and job requirements
- Ability to stay organized and multi-task while attending to detail
- Positive attitude toward on the job training, data collection, and all things preschool
- Required Education: High school diploma

### **PREFERRED CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE:**

- Associate’s or Bachelor’s Degree
- Experience working with D/HH preschoolers or other early childhood special education students in a school setting
- Coursework in Early Childhood Education, Deaf Education, Special Education
- Familiarity with hearing aids, cochlear implants, and FM systems

Salary: Range depending on experience and skills \$19.00 to \$26.00 per hour; comprehensive benefits for more than 22 hrs/week

For more information, please submit a resume and cover letter to Head of School Lynessa Cronn at [l.cronn@northwestschool.com](mailto:l.cronn@northwestschool.com) or call 206/364-4605.