

Early Childhood Group Teacher (West Side Ymca)

YMCA of Greater New York

New York, NY

Assistant Teacher

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Job Description

Full-Time

The West Side YMCA is seeking an Early Childhood Group Teacher who, under the supervision of the Early Childhood Director, plans and implements developmentally appropriate curriculum that supports and encourages the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs of the preschool students. The Preschool Group Teacher works within the framework of the Center's program to carry out its functions, policies, and procedures; including but not limited to: student assessments, work sampling, individualized plans, and parent/ family engagement. The Group Teacher works closely with Head Teacher.

Responsibilities

- Ensure the health, safety and well-being of children in the program, by providing close supervision of all activities.
- Work with the Early Childhood Director to plan developmentally appropriate and engaging lessons and activities.
- Implement lessons and activities; including but not limited to literacy, arts, math, cooking, science, outdoor/indoor recreation, field trips, etc.
- Work with the Early Childhood Director to develop classroom centers that respond to children's interests and are coordinated with the ongoing curriculum.
- Facilitate student assessments and work sampling.
- Guide students in their academic growth.
- Work with parents to promote understanding the growth and development of their child. Effectively communicate with parents, verbally and in written form, throughout the school

year.

- Encourage parent participation in special events, meetings, and in-class volunteer opportunities.
- Work with the Early Childhood Director on developing effective communication strategies.
- Work as a supportive team member within the Early Childhood Learning Center and the YMCA Branch; and work closely with Assistant Teachers, Teacher Aides, Early Childhood Specialists, and Volunteers.
- Maintain a clean and safe classroom environment, by reporting and/or removing all potential hazards and by setting up spaces and materials with a focus on supporting child learning.
- Conduct fire drills and manage emergency procedures in accordance with the guidelines of the Center and the YMCA of Greater New York.
- Prepare food for children and maintain a family style setting for eating conducive to language, cognitive and social development, as well as the development of healthy habits.
- Maintain accurate program documentation; including but not limited to incident/ accident/ behavior reports, attendance sheets, sign-in/ sign-out sheets, development/ growth forms; document eating and sleeping, parent surveys, etc.
- Maintain equipment, storage, and supply inventory, as needed.
- Ensure that all YMCA of Greater New York, Department of Health, and Department of Education (if applicable) guidelines are followed.
- Actively participate in designated meetings, all training sessions, and special events.
- Other activities and duties as needed that address the ongoing health and well-being of our staff and members
- Maintain sanitary habits in accordance with CDC guidelines

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education (or related field) and State teacher certification, or NYSED approved teacher certification; or Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and 5 years of experience, or a DOH approved study plan.
- Minimum of two (2) years of experience working with young children in a group setting.
- Good physical condition required; including the ability to pick up infants/ toddlers, walk stairs, sit with students, and supervise students in the pool, as needed.
- Knowledge of New York State Pre-K Foundation for the Common Core.

- Knowledge of child development and developmentally appropriate practices.
- Proficient in computers.
- Bilingual preferred.

Application Instructions

We offer an exciting and innovative work environment with a culture committed to serving all members of our community. As a leading not-for-profit, community service organization, our Association relies heavily on fundraising to support the wide range of programs we proudly provide the communities we serve. Our expectation is that all staff promotes participation of their branch fundraising efforts in some capacity.

How to Apply:

If you would like to be a member of our dynamic team, please complete our [online application](#) and submit your résumé and a thoughtful cover letter that explains your interest in the role and our organization.

If you are a current YMCA employee, please submit your application through the Internal Career Site in Cornerstone.

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Additional Information

**** New Requirement****

All potential YMCA of Greater New York employees are required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Please use the "Additional Attachment" section on the online application to upload your proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities

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