



Position vacancy announcement

Title: Life Skills Special Education Teacher

Reports to: Principal

Anticipated start date: August 11, 2020

About our school

Provident Charter School in Pittsburgh, PA is a publicly funded school designed to address the needs of students with language-based learning differences such as dyslexia. Our students are bright yet struggle with topics such as reading, writing, and sequencing. The school is in its fifth year with students in Grades 2-8. Located on the city's North Shore the school will enroll 318 students from 40 different districts around Western Pennsylvania.

Life Skills Special Education Teacher

We are currently seeking a Life Skills Teacher for grades 6-8. The Life Skills Teacher will continue to develop our Life Skills program and provide functional life skills instruction, modified academic instruction and/or emotional/autistic support. The Life Skills Teacher will work collaboratively with administrators, teachers, and support staff.

Job Goals

- Develop lesson plans and deliver small group instruction within a life skills classroom
- Maintain special educational paperwork including input forms, IEPs, PBSPs, NOREPs, etc.
- Collect and report progress monitoring data
- Collaborate with other teachers, professional staff, and administrators to address instructional and/or classroom issues
- Respond to a wide range of inquiries from parents or guardians regarding instruction, learning and student progress

Required Qualifications

1. Pennsylvania Teaching Certification in Special Education
2. Experience teaching life skills, emotional support, autistic support
3. Excellent communication, organization, and problem-solving skills
4. Outstanding dependability, initiative, creativity, and decision-making skills
5. Proficient in managing and using data to guide decisions for student programs
6. Ability to secure all relevant and necessary clearances

Preferred Qualifications

1. Demonstrated knowledge of special education instructional techniques.

2. Background working with students with emotional or behavioral needs that are an impediment to learning.
3. Experience incorporating multi-sensory instruction in small group settings.
6. Knowledge, training, or certification in Orton Gillingham approaches to instruction.

Professional Responsibilities

1. Prepare thoughtfully tailored lesson plans with clear objectives that incorporate multi-sensory instruction techniques that align with Common Core Standards.
2. Organize and lead activities designed to promote physical, mental and social development.
3. Adapt teaching methods and instructional techniques to meet students' needs and interests.
4. Assess student knowledge through a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques, record results and report as needed.
5. Work as a member of a team to design lessons that meet the needs of students.
6. Meet with other professionals to address students' needs and progress.
7. Establish partnerships with parents and family members to facilitate engaging, meaningful interactions about student growth and development.
8. Learn and implement assistive technology as needed.
9. Monitor students and maintain safety during non-instructional times (i.e. lunch duty, recess duty).
10. Continue to grow professionally through activities such as the study of current professional literature, participation in school professional development sessions as well as local, county, regional, and state meetings and conferences.
11. Other responsibilities as assigned by the Principal.

Terms of Employment: Ten (10) month position.

Evaluation: Performance of this job will be evaluated by the Principal.

Salary and benefits

- Starting salary is \$35,000 - \$42,000 based on experience
- Employer paid retirement contribution matching 10% of salary.
- Employer paid dental, vision, life insurance benefits.
- Significant employer contribution toward health insurance.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should email a cover letter & resume to Dr. Rachel Owens, Director of Special Education, rowens@providentcharterschool.org. Applicants are encouraged to act with urgency.

Provident Charter School provides equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or genetics.