



Delta Gamma Center for Children
with Visual Impairments

Job Description: Music Instructor; GRADS (Group Recreational and Developmental Supports) Program

Position Summary: The Music Instructor is responsible for the planning and implementation of multi-sensory music classes, workshops, and performances that are specifically for school-age children with visual impairments. The position objectives include:

- To encourage students to gain musical knowledge and skills through learning through classes and through the experiences of group music making
- To foster the development of social skills and independence necessary for music making
- To enrich the education of each student through appropriate musical experiences and to provide skills that will serve the student for the future
- To inspire lifelong love and enjoyment of a variety of musical genres
- Support and direct ensembles (Performances) as decided with Director of GRADS Programs

Reports to: Director of GRADS Programs

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide instrumental, vocal, and music training to address developmentally appropriate skills for groups of children with various of disabilities, including a visual impairment, using a variety of techniques such as phonetics, multi-sensory experiences, and repetition
- Create and maintain written class lesson plans and individual student goals that align with the three main GRADS goals through collaboration with program staff
- Document program outcomes for each student with written progress notes which comply with licensure requirements
- Maintain a classroom environment which allows for effective communication and monitoring of student participation and achievement of individual goals
- Communicate regularly with parents/guardians of students, providing notification of class activities and progress on individual goals
- Assist in the evaluation of group activities and make recommendations for improvements and expansion
- Develop networks and establish relationships for future collaborations with music professionals in the community
- Arrange performance opportunities for participants, as appropriate
- Coordinate and supervise volunteers during classes/meetings/performances, including communication of planned activities and providing guidance to support working with participants
- Other related tasks as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:

- Bachelor degree in related music fields with experience in teaching in the area of music development, or Teacher of the Visually Impaired with musical instrument proficiency
- Completion of satisfactory background check, drug screen and health certification after offer of employment
- Possess a strong background in music theory
- Demonstrate basic piano skills, and be able to play additional instruments, if needed
- Must work well with, and relate to, children of all ages
- Physically able to assist students through bending, crouching, kneeling, and pushing/pulling and lifting of musical equipment and supplies, sitting in chairs and/or floor and reaching in all directions
- Must be able to function independently as well as on a team
- Possess strong interpersonal and communication skills with other professionals and clientele from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to collaborate and organize effectively
- Capable of meeting deadlines and seeking supervisory consultation when necessary

Preferred:

- Experience working with young children with visual impairment and/or developmental disabilities and knowledge of effective classrooms strategies
- Ability to provide small group instruction in order to adapt the music curriculum to the needs of each pupil

Terms of Employment: Variable Part Time, requiring evenings & weekend hours. Approximately 20 hours per month, dependent on program schedule.

Effective Date: February 2017

To apply, email a resume and cover letter to employment@dgckids.org.

The Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments is located in Richmond Heights, in the central corridor of St. Louis, Missouri. Our recently renovated facility offers a place of connection for families in our community living with visual impairment or blindness. As founded in 1951 by Delta Gamma alumni from Washington University, DGC continues to provide comprehensive home-based early intervention services for children between birth and three years of age. Our GRADS program supports children as they grow into young adults, providing unique recreational activities and opportunities for social relationships. At DGC, parents also find reassurance and valuable resources through individual and group family support services. Low vision evaluations are available onsite through community partnerships, and vision screenings are provided throughout the community for at-risk populations. Our teachers and therapists work address the complex needs of our clients through a team-based, holistic approach.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments is to help children who are blind or visually impaired reach their full potential through family-centered, specialized services and community support.

OUR VISION

It is our vision that children who are blind or visually impaired achieve their full potential, have strong relationships with family and friends and equal opportunities to participate, contribute and lead joyful lives.

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