Career Development Center
New York Early Childhood Professional Development Institute

Toddler Teacher

Downtown Ithaca Children's Center

Ithaca, NY 14850

Teacher | Full-time | Onsite | $20.37 - $22.00 an hour

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Organization Statement

The Downtown Ithaca Children’s Center (DICC) provides high quality education and care to infants, toddlers, preschoolers, as well as after school care for 4 year olds enrolled in UPK. DICC is licensed by NYS Office of Children and Family Services and an active participant in QUALITYstarsNY. DICC provides inclusive education and care that represents the world in which children and families live. We are committed to education, wellness and equity as human rights for everyone. The DICC program is designed to encourage the growth of each child through an interactive child-centered and teacher facilitated approach.

Job Description

- Coordinate and implement educational curriculum by developing classroom activities based on developmentally appropriate practices and early learning standards
- Lead by example; encourage teaching team success through modeling and coaching.
- Plan individual and group age-appropriate activities to actively engage children and encourage social, cognitive and emotional growth.
- Maintain frequent communications with parents through informal discussions, progress reports, and parent-teacher conferences.
- Ensure all center policies and state regulations are met.
- Ensure a healthy classroom environment – including maintaining appropriate hygiene and cleanliness standards and safety and security of children.
- Supervise teacher assistants and classroom volunteers to ensure they are following planned activities, hygiene and safety standards.
- Maintain accurate records, forms and files.

- Maintain personal professional development plan to ensure continuous quality improvement.

Responsibilities

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Qualifications

- Minimum of 2 years of professional child care experience.
- Strong oral and written communication skills and basic computer skills.
- High energy and the ability to work well with others (staff, children, and parents) and to foster a team environment.
- A strong understanding of child development.
- Infant/child CPR and First Aid certification.
- Must clear full background check and must pass health screening.
- Associate’s Degree in early childhood education or related field of study with a minimum of 30 Credits in ECE.
- Requirements include the ability to take frequent walks, use hands and fingers, handle objects, tools or controls, talk to and hear voices at many levels. May also be required to kneel, bend, squat or crawl.

- A specific vision ability will be required including the ability to see up close and up to a certain distance, to see colors, have peripheral vision and depth perception.
- Excellent leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills.
- **Minimum Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree
- **Preferred Education Level:** Bachelor's Degree

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Language Requirements

English

Additional Information

- 401(k)
- 401(k) matching
- Dental insurance
- Employee discount

- Health insurance
- Paid time off
- Professional development assistance

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