



Job Description for Outreach and Special Education Instructor at Silvermine Art Center

Position Title: Onsite Outreach & Special Education Instructor

Position Type: Contract (1099)

Organization:

Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1922, Silvermine has exemplified excellence in art and art education for 100 years. Our mission is to cultivate, promote and encourage growth through the arts and to provide arts education and appreciation opportunities for the greater community. For 100 years, Silvermine has provided art experiences that engage individuals of all ages, ethnicities, races, genders and income in creative expression and discovery through making and exhibiting art.

Our four-acre campus in New Canaan, CT encompasses an award-winning School of Art; a nationally renowned Guild of over 300 professional artists; a complex of five galleries presenting exhibitions by emerging and established contemporary artists; a permanent collection of original prints; and an outdoor Sculpture Walk that blends art and nature.

Our educational mission extends beyond our campus. Our extensive Educational Outreach Programs provide curriculum-based arts education to 1,500 children in under-resourced Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford schools and nourishes the creative spirit of individuals with disabilities or mental health issues through collaborations with neighboring non-profits.

For more information, please visit www.silvermineart.org

Position:

Silvermine Art Center has an initiative to expand partnership with local organizations serving differently abled children and adults. We are seeking experienced instructors (in all art mediums) for onsite-outreach programs including one-time workshops and on-going classes. Instructors work independently to create the content of their workshop or course offering and partner with Silvermine Art Center to provide students with valuable arts education at our renowned and established institution. Outreach instructors are responsible for teaching students and directing participation in all aspects of specified mediums, which may include (but are not limited to): ceramics, painting, drawing, mixed media, sculpture, and photography. Implementing

a supportive and engaging classroom environment is a central responsibility of the instructor's role.

Position is Independent Contractor

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Passion for the fine arts and enthusiasm for education
- A commitment to student success and creating a positive classroom environment
- Punctuality, preparedness and flexibility
- Ability to collaborate with administration, responding promptly and clearly to all email and/or phone communications
- A passion for working with youth and ability to meet students with patience, compassion and support for all creative endeavors
- Experience teaching students K - 12
- Strong classroom & time management skills with a keen focus on student safety

Qualifications for Outreach and Special Education Instructor

- Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Special Education preferred
- Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Art Education
- Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Art Therapy or related field
- Experience supporting children and adults with disabilities and at risk for learning and behavioral difficulties in a classroom environment
- 3 or more years' experience teaching in K-12 environment which can include public or private school districts, art centers and/or community centers
- Ability to maintain a healthy, organized and well-functioning studio in a shared work space

To Apply please visit: <https://www.silvermineart.org/opportunities/>