



Job Description for Special Studies Instructor at Silvermine Art Center

Position Title: Special Studies 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 is seeking experienced instructors and accomplished interdisciplinary artists or craft persons with a desire to teach both youth and adult students' special topics. Areas of interest extend to all mediums beyond traditional fine arts, such as beading, felting, embroidery, punch needle, macramé, mosaics, resin art, squeegee painting and more. Instructors work independently to create the content of their course or workshop offering and partner with Silvermine Art Center to provide students with valuable arts education at our renowned and established

institution. Implementing a friendly 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 & crafts 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
- Experience teaching art in schools, art centers and community centers
- Demonstrated firsthand experience and continued personal practice in the arts

Qualifications for Special Studies Instructors

- Demonstrated experience in area of interests, including study through art centers, craft schools and/or applied independent study.
- Extensive experience with tools, equipment and processes involved in special topic
- Understanding of and ability to maintain safety protocols necessary to each topic
- Ability to maintain a healthy, organized and well-functioning studio space

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