



ECE Assistant, Ottawa Forest and Nature School (OFNS)

Casual · Full-time · Non-unionized

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? Are you looking to gain experience working and playing alongside children in the Ottawa nature continuum - forests, meadows and mud puddles? Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS) is looking to hire an ECE Assistant to work at the Ottawa Forest and Nature School! As an ECE Assistant you will be supporting Educators in nurturing child-centred, inquiry driven, interest-led learning through play on the land!

This position is partially funded by Project Learning Tree (Green Job Program), an initiative to inspire youth to explore a career in the great outdoors and gain workplace skills and experience.

All applicants must meet the following conditions:

- *Be between the ages of 18 and 30 (in accordance with child care legislation)*
- *Eligible to work in Canada*
- *Have never taken part in a program funded by Green Jobs*

Available from: October 28th, 2019 to December 31st, 2019

Salary: \$21.16 per hour+ 4% vacation pay

Hours: 35 hours per week

Location: Ottawa Forest and Nature School, 411 Corkstown Ave.

Closing date: October 21st, 2019

Apply: E-mail: hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

About initiative

We define 'Forest and Nature School' as an ethos and practice that includes regular and repeated access to the same natural space, which supports a pedagogical framework of play-based, emergent, and inquiry-driven learning. Our employees foster meaningful connections to the outdoors for children through innovative programs and transformative learning experiences.

In this role you will...

- ✓ Support high quality forest and nature school programs to preschool and school aged children of varying ages with guidance from Educators
- ✓ Engage in caring, curious and respectful interactions with children to support their growing relationship with themselves, each other and the natural world
- ✓ Welcome the diversity of all families, role modelling inclusive and accessible language
- ✓ Daily documentation: daily reflections, social media posts, and occasional blog posts
- ✓ Promote and encourage children and families in outdoor play
- ✓ Work with all staff to further develop and maintain outdoor play areas
- ✓ Perform seasonal site benefit-risk assessment (training will be provided)
- ✓ Participate in daily site maintenance, including the removal of garbage

To qualify for this role you have...

- ✓ Have a keen interest and comfortability in working with children in the outdoors in all weather and all seasons
- ✓ The willingness and curiosity to understand child-centred, inquiry-based learning and play
- ✓ Adequate energy level and ability to meet the physical demands of the job. Job requires frequent lifting up to 20 lbs. as well as bending, kneeling, crouching.
- ✓ Proven ability to work closely with other team members
- ✓ Have a clear police records check in the vulnerable sector completed within last six (6) months
- ✓ Valid Standard First Aid and CPR level C
- ✓ Have experience working with children, and a knowledge base of childhood development and behaviour management (considered an asset)

We are an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Should the applicant require any accommodations during the application process please notify Human Resources at

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