



Forest & Nature ECE Program Assistant

Bachelor of Early Learning & Child Development Student Placement

Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS) is looking for 4 students for our Forest & Nature ECE Program Assistant placement opportunities. In this 15-week placement the students will be provided an opportunity to research, plan, implement and evaluate a robust summer program for children between the ages of 4-12 attending the Ottawa Forest & Nature School. The student will be supporting Educators in nurturing child-centred, inquiry driven, interest-led learning through play on the land.

These positions are funded for 8 weeks of the 15-week placement. All applicants must be currently enrolled in 3rd year of Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development Program at Algonquin College for this placement.

Available from:	May 19 th , 2020 to August 28 th , 2020 (the first 7 weeks will be an unpaid placement and the final 8 weeks of the placement will be paid)
Salary:	\$17.11 per hour + 4% vacation pay
Hours:	35 hours per week
Location:	Ottawa Forest and Nature School, 411 Corkstown Ave.
Closing date:	March 15 th , 2020
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
- ✓ Consult with the children, parents, educators and community partners through interviews, focus groups and surveys to identify interests and opportunities
- ✓ Participate in developing and implementing the summer programming
- ✓ Document and evaluate the programming
- ✓ 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)

To qualify for this role you have...

- ✓ Enrolment in 3rd year of the Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development program
- ✓ Clear police records check in the vulnerable sector completed within last six (6) months
- ✓ Current Standard First Aid and CPR certification (cannot be expiring before September 2020)
- ✓ Immunization records
- ✓ Keen interest and comfortability in working daily with children in the outdoors in all weather
- ✓ 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 experience working with children, and a knowledge base of childhood development and behaviour guidance

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 hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

APPLY TODAY!