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Educational Assistant

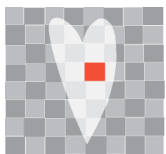
Location:	19213 Bothell Way NE Bothell, WA 98011
Salary Range:	\$12 to \$15 per hour
Employee Type:	Contract - Part-time (20 hours week) and Full-time (40 hours week) available
Industry:	Non-profit – Charitable
Manages Others:	No
Job Type:	Program Support
Education:	4-year degree preferred in special education, recreational therapy, or related field.
Experience:	3+ years with direct experience serving young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities
Relocation:	No
Post Date:	October 1, 2012
Closing Date:	October 12, 2012 or until position is filled
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GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Tessera is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to building lifelong learning opportunities for young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities after high school special education transition services end. The Tessera organization includes The Tessera Center for Lifelong Learning and Woodinville Adult Supported Living Residence.

This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced Educational Assistant to participate in the implementation of a new, innovative, results-oriented life enrichment program for special young adults and their families. The Educational Assistant is responsible for supporting daily implementation of education, recreation, and social programmatic activities for members of the Tessera Center for Lifelong Learning.

Tessera is looking for an experienced Educational Assistant who believes that every person has the ability to achieve success with appropriate supports. This position requires excellent problem solving and interpersonal skills, in addition to extensive knowledge of implementing specially designed instruction, positive behavior intervention supports and person centered planning. This position will report to the Program Director.



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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide instructional and behavioral support during activities, promoting increased engagement and independence for members.
- Assist Program Instructors with the implementation of lesson plans that address individual and group goals, adapting and modifying curriculum as appropriate.
- Utilize a variety of resources and strategies that support member engagement/participation in center activities as advised by the Program Director, Program Instructor(s), and Behavior Specialist.
- Provide input for monthly progress updates as requested by Program Instructor(s).
- Maintain current understanding of industry best practices by attending continuing education trainings, as well as participating in professional disability related organizations.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

REQUIREMENTS

- 4-year degree preferred in special education, recreational therapy, or related field.
- 3+ years of direct experience serving young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities in an educational or therapeutic setting.
- Extensive knowledge of individualized educational programs, with an emphasis in life skill development, social communication, and self-advocacy.
- Experience working with individuals who require communication and/or assistive technology or assistive mobility supports.
- Understanding of person centered planning and transition planning.
- Familiarity with instructional and behavioral strategies and accommodations.
- Excellent problem solving, written and oral communication skills.
- Well organized, detail-oriented, while able to maintain flexibility and a sense of humor in a fast paced environment.
- Must be able to pass a background check.

Note to applicants: Tessera does not believe in or implement aversive interventions at our center.