



Forward Momentum Chicago

Dancing toward the future

Job Title: Teaching Artist

Reports to: Program Coordinator & Executive Director

Founded October 3, 2013, Forward Momentum Chicago, NFP (FMC) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that provides high quality dance education programs for youth and adults in communities with limited arts access. We do this by offering programming in three areas of focus: school programming, studio classes, and scholarship dance programs throughout the city of Chicago. Programs are designed not only to increase dance skills and awareness of dance, but to foster creativity, critical thinking, and social emotional learning. Forward Momentum Chicago has a budget of approximately \$800,000 through earned and contributed revenue. For more information, please visit www.forwardmomentumchicago.org.

Position Summary

FMC is seeking dynamic, results-oriented, and responsible dance instructors to join our team. FMC Teaching Artists are independently contracted to provide dance instruction as needed to a variety of constituents, primarily school-age children throughout the city of Chicago. Teaching Artists will utilize the art forms of dance and movement to improve social emotional learning for healthy youth development. Instructional time takes place in-school and out-of-school time through residencies, classes, and workshops that contribute to FMC's mission. Teaching Artists should adhere to high levels of professionalism and be able to deliver an established, yet flexible curriculum to a variety of age groups.

Responsibilities

- Read and adhere to Independent Contractor Agreement and FMC curriculum handbook
- Attend all Teaching Artist Trainings throughout the year
- Plan content of each class to support FMC dance curriculum, integrating dance with other subjects, and introducing students to improvisation and choreography
- Prepare choreography that is both age and skill appropriate to work towards showcase or performance
- Be a representative of FMC that is knowledgeable, committed, responsible, and professional at all times
- Be able to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants at all times
- Complete and submit invoices and progress reports every other week
- Establish connections at school and community sights with administration or facility staff
- Maintain communication with FMC staff, as needed

Qualifications

- Knowledge of state and national core arts standards and understanding of arts integration principles
- Significant teaching experience in urban school setting preferred
- Superior classroom management skills
- Must pass federal and local fingerprint background check
- Ability to travel to various locations, neighborhoods, and schools in the Chicago area via reliable transportation
- Strong verbal communication skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Multi-disciplinary individuals encouraged
- Personal sound system that can be transported to all class assignments

Qualified candidates are encouraged to apply by sending a resume or bio to bradlee@forwardmomentumchicago.org.