Early Childhood Education Teacher

Department: Education
Position: Permanent twelve-month position (eight hours per day).
Salary: $12.95 per hour plus full Montana University System benefits.
Posting Date: April 15, 2015

Description
Curious Minds: Early Care and Education Center is an accredited lab school that annually serves approximately 25 children ages two through eight and their families. The program also serves over 100 students each year who participate in field experiences, observation, and research in the Curious Minds facility. The Curious Minds lead teacher will develop and implement all aspects of an innovative, exemplary, model preschool program that uses a Reggio Emilia inspired approach. This position is highly autonomous and requires daily independent decision-making and judgment.

Requirements
Minimum qualifications for this position include a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education, three years’ experience working with groups of children ages three through six, experience coaching and mentoring adult learners, and knowledge of developmentally appropriate practices, rich environments, Reggio Emilia and the Project Approach, and authentic assessment.

At a minimum, qualified candidates must demonstrate an ability to:
- deliver exemplary, innovative education and family support services for Dillon area children and their families at Curious Minds: Early Care and Education Center through;
  - ensuring that state licensing and NAEYC accreditation standards are met
  - meeting Child and Adult Care Food Program regulations
  - meeting requirements to advance in the Montana STARs program
  - developing a "rich" indoor and outdoor environment
  - coordinating and implementing child assessments including child portfolios
  - developing and implementing a project based curriculum at Curious Minds that assists children in meeting state and national learning outcomes
  - implementing effective routines and schedules
  - providing and modeling positive guidance
  - providing daily supervision for work study students and other classroom assistants in following Curious Minds' protocols
  - developing and implementing a family involvement program including family teacher conferences, newsletters, and family events
• provide an academic site and supervision for pre-service clinical experiences
• work collaboratively with a diverse group of people, using effective interpersonal and written and oral communication skills
• engage in ongoing professional development
• lift 50 lbs

**Application**
Send a letter of application addressing each of the requirements listed in the advertisement, a resume and the names, telephone numbers and addresses of three employment-related references to:

Estee Aiken  
The University of Montana Western  
710 South Atlantic Street  
Dillon, MT 59725

Screening of applications will begin May 13th, 2015 and remain open until filled. Direct questions to Estee Aiken at (406) 683-7035.

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