

OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

WORK-STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Title: OMSI Early Childhood Educator
Reports To: Early Childhood Education
Coordinator

Department: Programs
Unit: Museum Education
Position Type: Work-Study

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

The Science Playground and Discovery Lab are OMSI's areas where young children learn and explore in fun, developmentally appropriate settings. The Early Childhood Education Work-Study student assists education staff in the maintenance of Science Playground, supports parents and children while they experience activities and exhibits, and helps to ensure the safety of our youngest visitors and their families.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist in the development, presentation and resetting of daily activities in Science Playground.
- Interact with a wide age range of visitors to help them explore and learn from exhibits and lab activities.
- Share accurate science and museum information with guests.
- Support educator to train, coach, and supervise Science Playground volunteers.
- Maintain ongoing safety and cleanliness procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills.
- Interest and/or experience in early childhood education and child development.
- Ability to teach and to model adult-child interactions for positive early learning experiences.
- Must be able to bend and stoop as needed to maintain integrity, appearance, and safety of the area.
- Ability to take initiative.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- Eager to present science process and content in an engaging way to young children.
- Interest in early childhood education and child development; ability to learn and communicate these topics to adult audiences.
- Must be dependable, punctual, and willing to commit to a regular schedule.
- Must present a professional personal appearance.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Working toward a degree in early childhood education, child development, education, or science with college coursework in early childhood education.
- Experience working with the public and/or young children highly desirable.
- Experience working with the public in formal or informal educational settings highly desired.

HOW TO APPLY:

This position is only available to students who have been awarded Federal Work-Study funding as part of their financial aid package. To apply, submit your [online application](#), resume and cover letter. Visit to begin your application www.tinyurl.com/omsworkstudy.