Position Announcement

Elementary School (Grades K-8) Learning Specialist

Falk Laboratory School, a coeducational K-8 school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, seeks one full-time educator to work with children with a range of disabilities emphasizing support for their educational needs beginning August 2017. The candidate must have empathy for, and a genuine interest in, developing positive education experiences for elementary and middle school students with Learning Disabilities, executive function difficulties, and other learning differences. Collaboration across disciplines and grade levels is essential to this position. Salary range is competitive and commensurate with experience. Falk Laboratory School, which is a department in the School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh, offers excellent benefits.

Among the professional duties of a Learning Specialist are the following:

- Establish strong rapport and productive educational connections with students.
- Collaborate with faculty members and parents/guardians in order to create and implement intervention programs that maximize students’ access to the general education content.
- Administer initial screening and diagnostic testing in both reading and mathematics to identify students who are in need of remedial instruction.
- Develop and teach motivating, engaging lessons that are grounded in best practices, and are appropriate to students’ ages, grade levels and abilities.
- Use appropriate classroom management to support a high-quality learning environment.
- Knowledgeable of modifications and adaptations to support instruction.
- Observe, evaluate, and prepare reports on students’ progress.
- Share your expertise with colleagues as a member of the Student Services Team.
Qualified applicants will meet the following criteria:

- A Master of Education Degree
- Current Pennsylvania state certification in the field of Special Education preferred
- Several years of satisfactory teaching experience in a school environment preferred
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Effective organization and time-management skills

For full consideration, submit electronic copies of the following to Joanna Newlin, Coordinator of Student Services (jmn56@pitt.edu):

(1) a letter of application, (2) a resume, (3) an educational philosophy that includes ideal classroom experiences in your field of expertise.

If invited for an interview, please bring: (1) three letters of recommendation, (2) official transcripts, (3) PA instructional certificate or equivalent, (4) PA Act 34 Criminal Record and Act 33/151 Child Abuse clearances, and (5) Federal Criminal History Record, Act 114.

The review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

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