



Position: Art Instructor – Painting and Drawing

Reports to: Visual Arts Program Director

Location: Telluride, CO

AH HAA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

For over 30 years, Ah Haa School for the Arts (Ah Haa) has been inspiring people of all ages to discover, nurture and celebrate their creative possibilities. Ah Haa School for the Arts has been a place of inspiration, creativity, and curiosity for people of all ages in Telluride and the surrounding Colorado communities. In 2021, Ah Haa moved into downtown's arts district in the Silver Jack building, a 10,000 square-foot, purpose-built community center with enhanced studios and thoughtfully designed classrooms that spark expanded opportunities for participation. Ah Haa is also home to the prestigious American Academy of Bookbinding (AAB) located at the nearby historic Stone Building.

What We Are Looking For

As a Painting and Drawing Instructor at the Ah Haa School for the Arts, you will play a vital role in providing high-quality instruction to adult students enrolled in our core program. We are seeking an individual who is energetic, detail-oriented, and passionate about enhancing the lives of others through the arts. The ideal candidate should have a background in painting and drawing and be committed to understanding and internalizing the school's mission, values, and goals.

In this role, you will teach drawing and acrylic painting-specific courses and facilitate and monitor a bi-weekly figure drawing session. As a seasonal, part-time position with variable hours, this opportunity is perfect for someone looking for a flexible schedule. The position requires a Colorado background check.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Art Instruction and Classroom Management (90%)

- Plan and deliver engaging and informative lessons on painting and drawing techniques and principles that align with the goals of the workshop or class
- Monitor and run an ongoing uninstructed open studio figure drawing session
- Provide individualized and group instruction and feedback to students of all skill levels
- Perform demonstrations on an array of painting and drawing techniques
- Assessing student progress and providing feedback and critiques to help them improve their skills
- Lead set up and tear down classroom for classes; assign cleaning tasks to students, Program Assistants, and volunteers.
- Prepare all necessary materials and supplies for classes.
- Properly clean studio after class; wipe surfaces, sweep floors, clean sinks, and return materials and tools to the proper place in the studio.
- Monitor supply levels and communicate needs to Director.
- Provide sufficient notice to the supervisor if unable to teach a scheduled class.

- Supervise and provide direction to Program Assistants and Volunteers.
- Maintain studio and equipment with a priority for the health, safety, and well-being of staff, students, instructors, and volunteers.
- Communicate policies and protocols to students; maintain appropriate waivers and authorizations; communication same to Ah Haa Front Desk & Registration Assistant.
- Trace and monitor absences; communicate to parent/guardian, Ah Haa staff, or other authority as directed.
- Report health, well-being, and safety concerns, and record Incident Reports as necessary.
- Meet with staff to coordinate programming plans and evaluate the success of projects and classes.

REQUIRED SKILLS, ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE

- Two years teaching experience is preferred; Bachelor's degree or higher in Fine Arts is a plus.
- Well-versed in painting and drawing and have excellent artistic, research, and organizational skills.
- Must be able to multi-task; be productive, focused, and flexible in a creative & sometimes busy environment.
- Ability to take initiative and effectively adapt to change.
- Ability to work independently and carry out assignments to completion within parameters of instructions given, prescribed routines and standard accepted practices.
- Works well in a collaborative team environment.
- Able to work independently with minimal oversight.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion practices.
- Communicate and demonstrate a standard of excellence and proactive problem-solving that sets an example for others.
- Represents the organization in a positive light that encourages participation and engagement with the public, participants, donors, and friends of the organization.

SALARY RANGE: \$25.00 - \$35.00/hr. depending on experience

In compliance with Colorado's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act (EPEWA) we are disclosing the compensation for this position. Factors that may be used to determine your actual salary may include your specific skills, years of experience in this field and in comparison, to other employees already in this role. A potential new employee's salary history will not be used in a compensation decision.

Interested candidates, please email cover letter and resume to Ah Haa School for the Arts (natalie@ahhaa.org). No phone calls please.

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. Employees may perform other related duties as established to meet the ongoing needs of the business. AH HAA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS is an "at-will" employer.

AH HAA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, marital status, or status as a U.S. Veteran.

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