



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ACADEMIC OFFICE DIVISION OF STANDARDS, CURRICULUM, AND INSTRUCTION

EDUCATION CONSULTANT

May be underfilled at the level of ASSOCIATE EDUCATION CONSULTANT

Open to: The Public

Location: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Job Posting # #842 - 59640

Salary Range: Associate Education Consultant - \$86,881 - \$111,662*
Education Consultant - \$94,214 - \$120,360*

Closing Date: August 15, 2014

* New hires to state employment start at the minimum of the above salary range.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Academic Office is currently recruiting for an Education Consultant/Associate Education Consultant to spearhead CSDE efforts in the area of the Arts. The selected candidate will serve in the Academic Office's Bureau of Standards, Curriculum, and Instruction. ***The selected candidate's credentials will determine the job classification.***

Under the leadership of Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Commissioner Stefan Pryor, and the Connecticut State Board of Education, the CSDE is engaged in an ambitious set of strategies to fulfill its goal that Connecticut students set a national standard for academic achievement and reduction in achievement gaps. The Academic Office leads the Department's work to improve instruction through support of local education agencies and schools' implementation of standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessments aligned to college- and career-readiness. Applicants for this position should be passionate about helping all students achieve at high levels and closing achievement gaps, as well as opportunity gaps related to high quality arts programming.

In addition to and beyond closing achievement and opportunity gaps, the CSDE has a vision for Connecticut students that puts the development of character and compassion in our students at the center of our work so that our young people develop the attributes to become engaged, empathetic, educated community members.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

The Education Consultant for the Arts will provide direction and statewide leadership for dance, music, theater, and visual and media arts programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade. This will be achieved

through five priority strategies: coalition building with educational, community, and arts stakeholders; communications; standards implementation guidance; professional learning; and developing an arts equity strategy.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

- Lead stakeholder engagement efforts to develop a network of broad-based support for CSDE arts efforts;
- Lead Connecticut arts educators in developing a deep understanding of the Connecticut Arts Standards through a systematic professional learning plan;
- Collaborate with the Performance Office to identify equity gaps related to quality arts programs and develop and lead an arts equity strategy for Connecticut’s students;
- Develop and lead a plan to make the arts visible through promotion of sharing of CT students’ art work and performances;
- Create a state Arts Professional Learning Community to discuss rigor in Arts education and to spotlight best practices;
- Work with community arts organizations to effectively align their work to support the learning needs of Connecticut students;
- Engage with parent groups and other stakeholders to participate in community activities that promote an understanding of the role of the arts within the educational process;
- Collaborate with colleagues in the CSDE Academic Office to support coherence among standards implementation efforts;
- Collaborate with the CSDE Talent Office to support Educator Effectiveness and Professional Learning efforts;
- Perform other duties and related special assignments as requested by the Division Director and Chief Academic Officer.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge, Skill and Ability:

Knowledge of standards, curriculum, instruction, and performance assessment in the Arts. More specifically, knowledge of how to engage community and arts stakeholders in a shared vision for arts excellence and equity in our state for all students.

Minimum Experience and Training Required:

Education Consultant: An earned advanced degree and eight (8) years of relevant professional experience or in lieu thereof, an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

Associate Education Consultant: An earned advanced degree and five (5) years of relevant professional experience or in lieu thereof, an equivalent combination of experience and training as approved by the appointing authority.

Preferred Experience and Training:

Experience in issues of instructional improvement, including a focus on closing achievement gap(s) and implementing arts programming. Experience in providing effective staff development and technical assistance for the development and implementation of Arts instructional programming. Experience in leading and facilitating groups of diverse stakeholders. Experience in supporting the arts in a school district or similar setting with a focus on k-12 students. Experience in arts management or other related field. Excellent written and oral communications skills.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates should reference announcement #842, submit a letter of application and resume with details of experience and training, three (3) pertinent professional letters of references and an Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) which may be obtained from the Department of Education website at <http://www.sde.ct.gov> to: **Dr. Dianna Roberge-Wentzell, Chief Academic Officer, Academic Office, Department of Education, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 223, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone: (860) 713-6775. Fax: (860) 713-7015.** All required documents must be submitted by close of business on the closing date to be considered for interview.

Please note: Applications will be accepted via U.S. mail, fax or hand delivered only.

Closing date for applications: August 15, 2014

Anticipated date for employment: Immediate upon selection

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