



STATE OF CONNECTICUT



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ACADEMIC OFFICE

EDUCATION CONSULTANT 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 # #845 - 59932

Salary Range: Associate Education Consultant - \$86,881 - \$111,662*
Education Consultant - \$94,214 - \$120,360*
(Salary effective 7/1/14)

Closing Date: July 17, 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 Mastery-based Learning. The selected candidate will serve in the Academic Office's Bureau of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Career Technical Education (CTE) Unit.

Under 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.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

The Consultant will help improve instruction statewide by providing expertise and managing priority projects in the area of Mastery-based Learning, Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and Career Technical Education (CTE) implementation. He/she will work closely with both CSDE colleagues as well as leaders and educators in Connecticut's school districts. He/she will engage in a range of activities to drive this work, including project management, consultation and professional development in the alignment of standards, curriculum, instruction, assessment and resources.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

- Provide on-going technical assistance and professional development for mastery-based/competency-based learning in career technical education statewide;
- Partner with stakeholders to develop a service delivery model for personalized learning;
- Provide assistance to districts in the development of career academies/career pathways;
- Act as CSDE contact for the “Student Success Plan” and the “Capstone Project” initiatives;
- Develop and implement a restructuring plan for work experience programs aligned to the Connecticut Common Core State Standards;
- Provide regional assistance for the compliance and grants management of the Carl D. Perkins federal funding source;
- Provide guidance to districts for multiple paths to graduation; and
- Perform other duties and related assignment as requested by the Bureau Chief.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge, Skill and Ability:

Eligible candidates must have knowledge of standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessment in CTE and academic education. More specifically, knowledge of issues related to standards and instructional improvement practices in CTE and the CCSS. In addition, candidates must possess ability to communicate and collaborate with teachers, principals, central office leaders, and other educational stakeholders; ability to design and deliver training to adult learners; and ability to prepare comprehensive reports, resource material and programs support materials.

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:

Teacher certification in at least one career technical education endorsement area. Experience in issues of standards-driven instructional improvement, including a focus on closing achievement gap(s).

Experience in providing effective staff development and technical assistance for the development and implementation of mastery-based learning and work-based experience programs in CTE. Experience in implementing Student Success Plans, Capstone Projects, and the CCSS. Experience in supporting the instructional shifts inherent in the CCSS.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates should reference announcement #845, submit a letter of application and resume with details of experience and training, three (3) current pertinent professional letters of references and an Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) which may be obtained from the Department of Education Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov> to: **June Sanford, Chief, Bureau of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Connecticut State Department of Education, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 222, Hartford, CT 06106. Telephone #860-713-6765, Fax #860-713-7030. All required documents must be submitted by close of business on the closing date to be considered for an interview.**

Closing date for applications: July 17, 2014

Anticipated date of employment: Immediate upon selection

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

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