
Job Title: Childcare Teacher

Location: 8356 S. Stony Island, Chicago IL 60617

Reports To: Center Director

Employment Type: Full-Time or Part-Time

Position Summary:

The Childcare Teacher is responsible for creating a safe, nurturing, and developmentally appropriate learning environment for children. This role involves planning and implementing curriculum, supervising children, maintaining licensing compliance, and fostering communication with families.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and implement age-appropriate activities and curriculum aligned with early learning standards.
- Maintain daily routines, classroom management, and a positive learning environment.
- Supervise children at all times, ensuring safety and compliance with DCFS staff-to-child ratios.
- Observe and assess child development, documenting progress and identifying individual needs.
- Communicate effectively with parents about children's experiences and development.
- Collaborate with team members and attend staff meetings and training.
- Maintain a clean, organized, and stimulating classroom environment.
- Follow health, safety, and sanitation procedures.

Qualifications:

- Age: Must be at least 19 years old.
- Education (must meet one of the following):
 - 60 semester hours from an accredited college with 6 hours in child development, early childhood education, or a related field; OR
 - Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential; OR

- Completion of a DCFS-approved training program; OR
 - 1 year (1,560 hours) of child care experience plus 30 semester hours with 6 in early childhood education.
- Experience: Previous experience in early childhood education preferred.
- Certifications:
 - Pediatric CPR and First Aid (or willingness to obtain upon hire).
 - Mandated Reporter Training (DCFS requirement).
- Background Check: Must pass a fingerprint-based background check as required by DCFS.

Core Competencies:

- Passion for working with young children.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a team.
- Patience, creativity, and a positive attitude.

Working Conditions:

- Must be able to lift children up to 50 lbs.
- Frequent bending, sitting on the floor, and standing.
- May require outdoor supervision in various weather conditions.

Application Instructions:

Please submit your resume, cover letter, and references to dreambigscholasticacademy@gmail.com