



Position: Studio 345 Lead Teaching Artist
Reports to: Director Studio 345
Status: Contract Faculty

ABOUT ARTS+:

Founded in 1969, Arts+ is a music and visual art nonprofit organization that envisions the transformative impact of arts education illuminating every corner of the Charlotte region. Its goal is to make outstanding arts education available to students of all ages, skill levels and socioeconomic backgrounds. From private lessons to summer camps to community outreach programs, Arts+ strives to help each student unlock their full potential through the power of arts education.

ABOUT STUDIO 345:

Studio 345 is a free out of school creative youth development program that uses Digital Photography, Digital Media Arts, and Multimedia Design to educate and inspire students to stay in school, graduate, and pursue goals beyond high school.

POSITION SUMMARY:

- Teaching Artists are working professional artists who teach and mentor high school students from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in Studio 345. Artists can have a variety of disciplines. Our classes focus on digital photography, film, music production, multimedia design, screen-printing, animation, illustration, digital art and graphic design. Through the unique experience Studio 345 provides, students gain invaluable experiences enabling them to become creative risk-takers and craftsmen while growing emotionally, intellectually, and artistically.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Adhere to the Studio 345 Honor Code.
- Participate in the Teaching Artist training workshop.
- Plan and implement (3) 10-week courses related to your specific medium/s that will take place during the school year.
- Create daily lesson plans aligned with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.
- Integrate at least (1) community arts-based project into each 10-week course.
- Provide instruction and mentorship to students in interpersonal, technical, and artistic skill development, and when necessary, provide career and college guidance to students.
- Develop an environment of mutual respect and trust in the classroom.
- Serve as the point of contact for your class: contact students when absent from class, follow-up with students regarding any concerns or issues, contact parents or guardian(s) when necessary, and follow up with Studio 345's Program Director.
- Report issues and concerns as soon as they arise to the Program Director.
- Maintain a clean working studio with all supplies & equipment properly cleaned, inventoried, and ready for the next class.
- Collect daily attendance and submit to Director of Studio 345 at the end of each day.
- Submit all required paperwork in a timely manner. This includes but is not limited to: expense reports, timesheets, and student-mentee tracking.
- Assist in coordinating the set-up of visiting artists' exhibits, student exhibits, and provide assistance to students commissioning their work for the marketplace when necessary.
- Co-curate and organize end-of-trimester celebrations (exhibitions, performances, & film screenings).
- Track weekly hours. Hours expected to work are: 3:00pm-6:00pm (Monday-Thursday depending on classes teaching) 3:00pm-6:00pm (Open Studio Fridays). Director of Studio 345 must approve hours worked over normal Studio hours. Paid monthly.
- Attend Staff Meetings every other Friday from 2:30pm-3:30pm.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Art or Bachelor of Fine Arts in related media preferred.
- Experience working with youth ages 14-18 preferred.
- 1-2 years previous technical and/or teaching experience in a community-based organization, or public school system environment, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Ability to work with diverse populations.

- Ability to facilitate strong mentorships.
- Ability to communicate and present information effectively to students, co-teaching artists, parents, and general public.
- Strong ability to work collectively and delegate tasks with co-teaching artists.
- Excellent problem-solver who can mediate and deescalate conflicts in the classroom.

ENVIRONMENT

- Position will work with youth in Studio 345.
- Frequently asked to lift, carry, set up, clean up materials and supplies.
- Attendance and participation at events and activities throughout the cultural community will be expected from time to time outside of normal hours and on weekends.

TO APPLY:

- Please submit resume, cover letter, and references to Angela Grauel, Director Studio 345, agrauel@artsplus.org. Include "Studio 345 Lead Teaching Artist" in the subject line.

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