

POSITION AVAILABLE
IB VISUAL ARTS TEACHER
2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

REPORTING TO

Vice President of Education & Programming

SUMMARY

Pearson College UWC is seeking a teacher with a strong academic and practical background in Visual Arts who will be able to teach International Baccalaureate (IB) Visual Arts (Standard and Higher levels). This is a part-time position that could be combined with other studio or teaching work. "The IB Diploma Programme visual arts course encourages students to challenge their own creative and cultural expectations and boundaries. It is a thought-provoking course in which students develop analytical skills in problem-solving and divergent thinking, while working towards technical proficiency and confidence as art-makers. In addition to exploring and comparing visual arts from different perspectives and in different contexts, students are expected to engage in, experiment with and critically reflect upon a wide range of contemporary practices and media. The course is designed for students who want to go on to study visual arts in higher education as well as for those who are seeking lifelong enrichment through visual arts." <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/the-arts/visual-arts/>

Specific qualifications for the positions are:

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in the subject being taught, preferably a master's degree.
- Teaching experience at the upper secondary school level or university level in the subject(s).
- Experience teaching within the IB curriculum or a comparative externally examined advanced level course of study for secondary or post-secondary students.
- International experience or appropriate experience to prepare for working with a diverse population of students from over 80 countries, some coming from very difficult realities.
- Inter-disciplinary educational experience (through study, teaching and/or research) an asset
- Qualifications and experience to serve as a leader in one of the College's creative, action or service (CAS) activities, which are integral to Pearson's educational model and approach to experiential education. Experience in carving or ceramics would be an asset.
- A class four driver's license or the ability to obtain certification

All applicants should have as much passion for teaching the subject to highly motivated 16-19-year-old students from around the world as they have passion for the subject itself. Faculty and students at Pearson College UWC see education extending far beyond the classroom and, as such, all teachers

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are expected to lead by example and partner with students in their engagement with the community, locally, nationally and internationally. This commitment includes leading in service, outdoors and/or creative activities as well as engagement in residential life. Faculty members at the College must have expertise in and a zeal for an activity that they will co-lead with students. These activities are a vital and integral part of each student and teacher's experience at the College. In addition to pre-existing activities, such as sailing, diving, expedition kayaking, Model UN, sustainable agriculture, journalism, current affairs, photography, pottery, and community outreach, there are opportunities for new activities, particularly related to the College's commitment to peace, social justice and sustainability as part of our overall UWC mission. Candidates must be open to participating in and contributing to the community life of the College. Faculty members also act as advisors to small student groups, which is integral to our student support within and outside of the classroom.

Remuneration for this part-time position is based on qualifications and experience according to the College's salary scale.

APPLICATIONS & OTHER DOCUMENTS

Candidates should send a cover letter and resume to hr@pearsoncollege.ca. References will be required for short listed candidates. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Initial interviews will take place in late-August 2019. Candidates are asked to note in their cover letter how their background and experience would be a good match for Pearson College UWC. Due to the high volume of applicants, only short-listed candidates will be contacted by the College. The appointment is to start in September 2019.

We welcome qualified applications submitted by individuals from diverse backgrounds.

NOTES

Pearson College UWC is a unique two-year pre-university school for students selected from around the world based solely on their promise and potential and demonstrated commitment to engage actively in creating a better world. Students currently attend from over 80 countries and whose backgrounds intentionally represent some of the tensions in the world. The majority of students attend on needs-based scholarships. Money is neither a barrier nor a ticket to admissions. Students live together on the southern tip of Vancouver Island while studying the International Baccalaureate program and pursuing explicitly the mission of the United World Colleges (UWC): To make education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. The College is developing an innovative curriculum parallel to the Theory of Knowledge course that develops the skills, competencies and dispositions students require to carry out the UWC mission and live the UWC values in their lives. We are keen to attract teachers who are eager to join us in that effort.

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