



Educator, Ottawa Forest and Nature School (OFNS)

Permanent · Full-Time · Unionized

Andrew Fleck Children's Services (AFCS) is looking to hire an Educator to work at the Ottawa Forest & Nature School! As an ECE Assistant you will be implementing nurturing child-centred, inquiry driven, interest-led learning through play on the land! You will meet the needs of children within a safe and healthy environment and in cooperation with parents, colleagues and community professionals.

Confirmation of full vaccination for COVID-19 is a requirement of employment with Andrew Fleck Children's Services

Available from: May 9th, 2022
Salary: \$25.61 to \$28.90 per hour
Hours: 35 hours per week
Location: Ottawa Forest & Nature School, 411 Corkstown Road, Ottawa, ON
Closing date: April 29th, 2022
Apply: E-mail: hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

About initiative

We define 'Forest and Nature School' as an ethos and practice that includes regular and repeated access to the same natural space, which supports a pedagogical framework of play-based, emergent, and inquiry-driven learning. Our employees foster meaningful connections to the outdoors for children through innovative programs and transformative learning experiences.

What Andrew Fleck Children's Services offers...

- ✓ Competitive salary
- ✓ Comprehensive benefits package including 3 weeks of vacation, and Health Plan with Canada Life
- ✓ A unique culture that fosters leadership, responsiveness, communication, and teamwork
- ✓ Weekly scheduled off floor – non-contact time to prepare for programming and connections with families
- ✓ A place where your opinions will be respected, and your contributions valued
- ✓ A chance to grow – personally and professionally – through workshops, mentorship programs and courses, to upgrade skills, and develop new areas of expertise
- ✓ Participate in career development opportunities for a variety of different position types available within the AFCS organization
- ✓ A strong commitment to equity and diversity in the workplace and community

In this role you will...

- ✓ Prepare high quality forest and nature school programs to preschool and school aged children of varying ages
- ✓ Engage in caring, curious and respectful interactions with children to support their growing relationship with themselves, each other and the natural world
- ✓ Welcome the diversity of all families, role modelling inclusive and accessible language
- ✓ Daily documentation: daily reflections, social media posts, and occasional blog posts
- ✓ Promote and encourage children and families in outdoor play
- ✓ Work with all staff to further develop and maintain outdoor play areas
- ✓ Perform seasonal site benefit-risk assessment (training will be provided)
- ✓ Participate in daily site maintenance, including the removal of garbage

To qualify for this role you have...

- ✓ Degree or diploma in Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Education, Recreation or Child and Youth diploma
- ✓ RECE in good standing with the CECE or member of Ontario College of Teachers or equivalent- an asset
- ✓ Forest & Nature Practitioner Certificate- an asset
- ✓ Minimum of 2 years of experience working with children in a group setting
- ✓ Clear Police Records check in the vulnerable sector completed within last six (6) months
- ✓ Valid Standard First Aid and CPR Certification
- ✓ Have a keen interest and comfortability in working with children in the outdoors in all weather and all seasons
- ✓ The willingness and curiosity to understand child-centered, inquiry-based learning and play
- ✓ Adequate energy level and ability to meet the physical demands of the job. Job requires frequent lifting up to 20 lbs. as well as bending, kneeling, crouching.
- ✓ Proven ability to work closely with other team members

We are an equal opportunity employer. We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Should the applicant require any accommodations during the application process please notify Human Resources at hrrecruiting@afchildrensservices.ca

APPLY TODAY!