JOB OPENING

Start Date: Now through end of May
Applications accepted on a rolling basis

TRAINING & CURRICULUM SPECIALIST
in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District
Full-time, 40 hours per week, with occasional weekends and evenings for school, community, and Life Lab events

Life Lab seeks an energetic, skilled and dedicated Training and Curriculum Specialist who has experience, passion, and expertise in culturally responsive, experiential garden-based science, literacy, nutrition, environmental education and cooking.

Position Description
The Training and Curriculum Specialist will train, mentor, and coach a team of nine Life Lab Garden Instructors; this team of Instructors will grow to 16 over the next 3 years. With the training and curriculum support provided by this person, the Instructors will be able to provide rich, garden-based learning and foster social-emotional wellbeing for more than 7,000 students across 16 elementary schools. The Training and Curriculum Specialist will also co-create and implement programs for family involvement in the gardens and family cooking nights with their school site communities.

Compensation
$70,000 annual salary, 15 days of accrued paid time-off in the first year, up to 12 days of accrued medical time-off and 12 paid holidays. Life Lab pays 100% of health plan premiums for employees and their eligible dependents, up to $1,300 per month, with generous medical, dental and vision coverage. This is a 40 hour per week position with responsibilities varying seasonally.

Required Qualifications
- A teaching credential (does not need to be from CA)
- Bilingual in Spanish and English. Mixteco is also helpful
- A passion for Life Lab’s mission to cultivate children’s love of learning, healthy food and nature through garden-based education
- Experiential, student-centered science instruction with elementary-age students, ideally in an outdoor setting
- Experience and expertise in Culturally Responsive Teaching and Positive Discipline approaches or similar experiences.
- Strong writing skills, ideally with expertise in curriculum development
- Experience prioritizing and managing varied projects and needs, both independently and in collaboration with others
- Experience and expertise in mentoring and coaching educators
● A personal commitment to equity and inclusion so that all cultures and identities are respected and celebrated in our work.
● Pass state criminal and FBI background checks, and a national check in the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Registry.
● Negative tuberculosis test and have COVID-19 vaccination.

**Desired Qualifications/Characteristics Include:**
● An understanding of the [Watsonville](#) community, ideally rooted in personal experience and relationships
● Experience and expertise in Next Generation Science Standards
● Experience in experiential, student-centered cooking and nutrition instruction with elementary-age students, ideally in an outdoor setting

**Responsibilities:**
● Train and support a cohort of 9 (growing to 16 over the next three years) Life Lab Instructors working in Life Lab Partner Schools in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Build a strong and positive team dynamic, and provide ongoing support to instructors through model teaching lessons; onsite coaching at the Partner Schools; and weekly debriefs with Instructors.
● Lead the writing of Next Generation Science Standards-aligned garden-based science units for grades 3-5, with resources and support from other Life Lab staff
● Support Life Lab Instructors in building strong relationships within their school communities, including through community outreach at school, family events and community workdays in the garden classrooms.
● Work closely with the Partner Schools Program Manager and Partner Schools Garden Manager, as well as other LL staff, to manage and hold the culture of the Partner Schools Program, and contribute to program development and long-term visioning for the program.
● Participate in weekly staff, JEDIS Learning Community meetings, & program meetings.

**Application Process**
Please send a cover letter and resumé to Miriam Watson at miriam@lifelab.org as soon as possible. We schedule interviews on a rolling basis. Applications are welcome until the position is filled.
A background check will be conducted with finalists for this position. Please include how you heard about the position in your cover letter to help us improve our recruiting.

*Life Lab is committed to a policy of non-discrimination as an Equal Opportunity Employer. Employment candidates and employees will be considered and managed without regard to race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran’s status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or any other basis in accordance with applicable law.*