

## Job Announcement

### **Ceramics Instructor – Youth & Adult (Recreation Aide Specialized Arts Instructor – Ceramics)**

Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Portland, OR 97219

www.MultnomahArtsCenter.org

**Application Deadline: July 31, 2022**

**Target hire date: ASAP**

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#### **Notice of Job Opportunity - Please see link below for complete details**

Multnomah Arts Center, a program of Portland Parks & Recreation, is currently looking for a Youth & Adult Ceramics Instructor. For nearly 50 years, MAC has been providing high-quality arts instruction and participation in the performing and visual arts, providing opportunities to connect with communities and cultures.

Portland Parks & Recreation values a diverse workforce and seeks ways to promote equity and inclusion within the organization. PP&R encourages candidates with knowledge, ability and experience working with a broad range of individuals and diverse communities to apply. PP&R encourages candidates that can fluently speak more than one language.

#### **Description**

Multnomah Arts Center, a program of Portland Parks & Recreation, is currently looking for qualified individuals interested in teaching ceramics to a diverse community. MAC instructors are dedicated professionals with a strong arts background and a commitment to community arts education.

- Starting pay rate is \$25.75 - \$31.75 per hour, depending on experience.
- This position is part-time (maximum 1600 hours per year).
- This position does not include benefits.

#### **Work Schedule**

##### **Youth Summer 2022 Schedule:**

- Monday: Wheelthrowing for Ages 9-13 from 4:30 - 6pm
- Wednesday: Hand & Wheel for Ages 9-13 from 4:30 - 6pm
- Thursday: Clay Creations for Ages 2-8 (Parent/Guardian registers with child) from 3:30 – 5:00pm

##### **Youth Fall 2022 Schedule:**

- Monday: Wheelthrowing for Ages 9-13 from 4:30 – 6 pm
- Tuesday: Handbuilding & Sculpture for Ages 4-6 from 3:30 – 4:30pm & Handbuilding & Sculpture for Ages 7-9 from 5pm – 6pm
- Wednesday: Clay Creations for ages 2-8 (with parent) from 3:15 – 4:15pm & Hand & Wheel for Ages 9-13 from 4:30 - 6pm

##### **Adult Starting Fall 2022:**

- Wednesday: 6:15pm – 9:30pm (Rotating focus each term – wheelthrowing, hand building, etc for beginners to intermediate level.)

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**Additional Offerings:**

- Instructors are encouraged to propose new classes and workshops in this medium.
- Future schedules are determined by mutual agreement.
- We are also hiring a Ceramics Technician. Applicants can apply for both to increase hours.

**Minimum Qualifications Required:**

- Has a degree in art or equivalent professional experience with a strong emphasis in ceramics.
- Has at least one year of ceramics classroom teaching experience, including curriculum planning.
- Knowledge of different ceramics techniques.
- Can foster a positive, supportive classroom environment for a diverse student base.
- Has excellent communication skills and ability to adapt lessons for students with various learning styles.
- Can maintain all appropriate documentation such as records, lesson plans, handouts, and attendance.
- Must be able to maintain a clean, organized studio environment.

**Technical Experience**

- Familiarity with ceramic arts, production, glazes and kiln loading and unloading best practices.
- Familiarity with cone 10 reduction firing and glaze materials.
- Knowledge of safe use of materials and equipment and ability to communicate this to students.
- Safety knowledge of clay studio hazards: working with dry materials and handling all phases of greenware through final glazed ware.
- Excellent communication skills and ability to foster a positive, supportive environment for a diverse student base.
- Comfortable working in a busy community studio, answering students' clay and glaze material questions, directing workflow in the studio.

**The Ideal Candidate**

- Can teach skill-based curriculum to students ages 2 (with parent) up thru adults and Seniors.
- Is earnest about teaching all ages of students artistic practices and introducing them to new ways of thinking.
- Has extensive experience working with children and parents (e.g. helping them understand the creative process).
- Has thorough knowledge of handbuilding and wheelthrowing techniques, has experience with cone 6 and cone 10 reduction firing, and understands glazing and glaze materials.
- Is comfortable with working in a busy community clay studio, answering students' clay and glaze material questions, directing workflow in the studio, making sure materials and equipment are used properly by students.
- Is flexible, i.e. can work with the changing demands of our community and contribute with enthusiasm.
- Works well with others and is comfortable sharing a space with other instructors.
- Raku Kiln firing experience.

**How to Apply**

1. **Follow this link** to review and apply for this job opportunity:  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/portlandor/jobs/3378555/recreation-employment-music-and-arts-centers-open-continuous>
2. **Click “APPLY”** to log in. Create an account if you have not applied for a job through this site.
3. **Please Note:**
  - This position is part of a broader recruitment for *Recreation Employment - Music and Arts Centers - Open Continuous*.
  - Attachments - Attaching a Cover letter and Résumé indicating related ceramics teaching experience, is encouraged for this position.
  - Questions - In the *Supplemental Questions* portion of the application:
    - For Q 09, please check ***Recreation Aide Specialized Arts Instructor – Ceramics***
    - For Q 10, please specify ***Ceramics Instructor***
  - If you need assistance, please contact Nicole Rawlins, MAC Adult Visual Arts Coordinator at: [Nicole.Rawlins@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Nicole.Rawlins@portlandoregon.gov)
4. **Complete Application** by providing all required information and answering required questions, reviewing, certifying, and submitting your application.