



Director of Visual Art Fort Smith, Arkansas

Overview

The Institute for the Creative Arts is the first Performing & Visual Arts High School in Arkansas. As a charter, the school is funded by the state. Our mission is: *Empowering students through an intensive arts and academic curriculum that prepares them for higher education, creative careers, and to become future leaders in the performing and visual arts industries.*

ICA is seeking an exceptional educational leader to serve as the Founding Director of the Visual Art Program in the Institute's School of Art & Design. This individual will lead a contemporary program that focuses heavily on digital and media arts and industry ready styles that the 21st century student can build a career from. The art program will build upon a strong foundation of the basic elements of drawing, painting, and color, along with computer programming skills and digital art software programs.

The Institute is set to open in the fall of 2024 in the new **Center for the Creative Arts**, a 40,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility located on a stunning 10-acre campus on Fort Smith's beautiful Riverfront Drive. Students in grades 9-12 will participate daily in a specific arts program with the inaugural year serving grades 9-11.

The ideal candidate will have significant experience recruiting and teaching high school students. In addition, the candidate will have experience working with public school officials and parents. The candidate will have a background in art and design with experience in a wide variety of styles, particularly digital, and be able to teach those styles. The candidate will possess excellent communication skills and must be able to network with the community and identify students for the program.

The candidate will report directly to the Dean. This individual will have the opportunity to collaborate with other ICA instructors to further develop the curriculum and collaborate on performances and events. He/She will shepherd a group of instructors in the School of Art & Design to develop a premier program. He/She will also have a role in the design of the new facility.

Requirements

- A Bachelors degree in Art, masters a plus with emphasis in digital arts including animation, adobe software, graphic design, and other key digital programs.
- Three years of teaching experience is preferred, particularly at the high school level
- Team builder, highly organized and possessing excellent customer service/communication skills
- Dynamic and energetic leadership qualities
- Ability to collaborate and involve community partners
- Ability to recruit and mentor students
- Ability to use music technology
- Must meet Arkansas Qualified Teacher Requirements
- Other duties as assigned by Head of School

Responsibilities

- Coordinate and collaborate with other art and film instructors
- Assist in recruiting instructors for the program
- Assist in developing the curriculum for the program
- Be responsible for parent engagement and recruitment and retention of students
- Lead and teach in the digital art program and teach other art classes
- Prepare students for college and the industry
- Develop summer programs and camps

Physical requirements*

- Be able to stand for the majority of the school day in order to effectively monitor and supervise students
- Be able to walk short distances to supervise students between classrooms and activities
- Be able to sit, stand, lean, reach, bend, lift and squat to assist students as needed
- Be able to walk on uneven surfaces (playground)
- Be able to walk up and down stairs
- Be outside in all weather conditions for assigned duty (recess, before school drop offs, after school pick- ups and field trips)

**Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.*

Salary

Full-time contract. Salary commensurate with qualifications. \$50,000 and up.

Benefits

Full benefits package

Start Date: July 2024

Send vita, unofficial transcripts, and contact info for three references to:

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Review of applications will begin in February