

Preschool Assistant Teacher

SUNY Plattsburgh Child Care Center

Plattsburgh, NY

Assistant Teacher

Full-time

Onsite

\$16.50 - \$18.00 an hour*

* wage within this range is determined by education level and years of experience

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Organization Statement

Since 1985, our private, nonprofit early childhood program has been providing high-quality care and education for children aged 2 months to 5 years. Located on a college campus in Plattsburgh, we operate year-round, Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM. We serve families from the campus community—including faculty, staff, and students—as well as from the greater Plattsburgh area.

Our developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum supports children's holistic growth in inclusive, nurturing continuity-of-care classrooms.

As a host site for college students we support both young learners and emerging professionals.

We have a long-standing reputation as a positive and supportive workplace where staff work closely together toward a shared goal: preparing young children to become lifelong learners and active, productive members of society. Our dedicated teaching teams value collaboration, reflective practice, and ongoing professional growth. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all children, families, and staff.

Job Description

We are seeking a warm, responsive, and dedicated full-time **Preschool Assistant Teacher** to join our early care and education team. The teacher will work in a continuity-of-care classroom with Preschoolers aged 33–36 months as of September 1. The ideal candidate will embrace a child-centered, inclusive approach and work in partnership with an experienced Lead Teacher, families, and administrators to create a safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate

learning environment and curriculum.

- Full-time, year-round position (Monday–Friday)
- **Shift 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM, with one-hour lunch break**
- Benefits package includes paid time off, professional development support, and more

Responsibilities

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- Build responsive, nurturing relationships with preschoolers and support their social-emotional development.
- Assist in implementing play-based, developmentally appropriate experiences aligned with children's interests and developmental stages.
- Assist in maintaining a safe, clean, and organized classroom environment that supports exploration and independence.
- Assists the teacher in observe, documenting, and assessing children's development to inform curriculum planning and parent communication.
- Collaborate effectively with the classroom teacher, program leadership, and support staff.
- Foster strong partnerships with families through daily communication and family engagement.
- Participate in ongoing professional development, reflective supervision, and staff meetings.

Qualifications

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- High School Diploma and
 - Minimum of **1 year experience** working with children under 13 (experience with children birth to 5, preferred)

OR

- Associate's Degree and/or High School Diploma **and** Child Development Associate (CDA) credential, preferred with
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- Ability to work collaboratively and respectfully within a teaching team
- Willingness to learn and assist in implement the **HighScope Curriculum** approach
- Understanding of developmentally appropriate practice and responsive caregiving
- **Minimum Education Level:** Highschool Graduate or GED
- **Preferred Education Level:** CDA Credential

Application Instructions

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Sally Girard at girardsa@plattsburgh.edu. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.