

Acton Academy Jacksonville

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Reggio Guide

The Reggio Guide would be someone ideally certified as a Montessori instructor and primarily work with early learners, ages 4-6, either part-time or full-time. Someone who has a proficiency in handling math manipulatives.

Side note: (Reggio knowledge or Montessori certification would be ideal. Ideally, not someone who is a seasoned teacher from a traditional setting that may not be able to resist giving instructions instead of guiding. Background in Child Psychology would also be ideal if neither Reggio or Montessori experience exists.)

Lead Guide

We are looking for a lead Guide. Someone who will help create this learning community from scratch. Someone who is ambitious and wants to change the world but knows they have to get their hands dirty to do it. We are opening our first school in St. Johns, FL (close to Jacksonville, FL.) The pedagogy is loosely modeled on the very successful Acton Academy in Austin, Texas. It utilizes a new and innovative education model that blends state-of-the-art software, discussions and an "Individual Quest" program in a student-driven, multi-age classroom. Check out their website at www.actonacademy.org. The lead academic has the opportunity to lead the curricula design and implementation efforts for this school. There is immediate need for collaborating with Acton Academy curriculum development; finding and training a co-classroom leader; and working closely with the founder to create the Quest program, recruit students and develop operating systems. The lead academic will also be the founding "guide" for the first groups of students. The right candidate will find this challenge energizing and fulfilling. In case you can't tell, this is a tough job on a tight timeframe. The right candidate will have experience in creating project-based learning experiences; facility with educational technology; experience with mentoring, guiding, coaching, and/or counseling; a commitment to the Socratic Method. They will possess a can-do attitude; collaborative mindset; deep curiosity about life; entrepreneurial spirit; love of lifelong learning; and a deep respect for children and their abilities.

Associate Guide

We are looking for a candidate who has a deep curiosity about life, is a lifelong learner, and on their own hero's journey. Someone who is open to different pedagogical approaches who can follow through with the best intentions of being student-centered and student-driven when the temptation is to take back control and point students in the direction of passing standardized tests. Someone who is willing to relinquish control as an authority figure and primarily help students to set goals and see whether their behaviors are helping them to achieve those goals. Candidate could expect to guide learners between the ages of 7-10.

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Associate Guide (cont.)

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