



Full-Time Teaching Artist (Grant Funded)

POSITION SUMMARY:

Villa Maria College is a partner of the Cleveland Play House's (CPH) CARE Program. The CARE acronym stands for Compassionate Arts Remaking Education. CPH's mission is to inspire, stimulate and entertain diverse audiences across Northeast Ohio by producing plays and theatre education programs of the highest professional standards.

We believe in the importance of theatre education to the well-being of young people and the community that is its mission to serve. We use it as a tool to bond community with community; to bolster our knowledge of ourselves and others; to amplify our artistic awareness as participants and practitioners.

A main curriculum focus for CPH's Teaching Artists is the CARE Program. CARE is a theatre education program that draws on lessons from social-emotional learning theories, trauma-informed care, and evidence-based literacy learning for students in grades K-8. It uses theatre techniques and exercises to help students develop empathy and broaden their understanding of each other and the world around them, empowering them with valuable tools that can be applied throughout their lives.

CARE is using a federal grant to bring its program to several communities. Buffalo is one of the communities and the program is housed at Villa Maria College.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Promote and Model CPH's educational pedagogy: Creating an anti-racist, safe, positive and trauma-informed school that is culturally competent and creative.
- Teach (direct instruction, planning and implementation) in CARE and theatre enrichment programming.
- Document weekly fidelity reporting and attendance logs.
- Create and maintain positive school culture in collaboration with school staff. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Attend school meetings and trainings as necessary.
 - Assist in leading professional development sessions for school staff.
 - Correspond appropriately with school staff.
 - Attend special events with the school community.
 - Assist in facilitating students' access to professional theatre opportunities in WNY or elsewhere.
- Cover for other Teaching Artists' absences as needed.
- Support the creation and implementation of enrichment programming and ongoing curriculum development, including Summer programming.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in education, theatre, drama-therapy, social-work or related field required. Master's preferred.

- Exhibit a strong commitment to working with life-long learners.
 - Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion principles.
 - Culturally aware and experienced incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion best practices across all platforms.
 - Understanding of trauma-informed care and practices.
 - Comfortable in both collaborative and independent working environments.
 - Strong oral and written communication skills; strong interpersonal skills.
 - Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously; strong attention to detail.
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- Exhibit a strong commitment to working with educators and young people.
 - Teaching experience with diverse age groups in an urban educational setting is a plus.
 - Ability to collect and analyze information, solve problems, and make decisions.
 - Current proof of fingerprinting clearance through the FBI, BCI and New York State Department of Education is required for employment.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of the work being performed by people assigned to this work. This is not an exhaustive list of all duties and responsibilities. Villa Maria College management reserves the right to amend and change responsibilities to meet business and organizational needs as necessary.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

General environment requires this employee to use manual dexterity and flexibility. Incumbent must have the ability to navigate around the classroom environment. This work may include time spent at a computer, typing, writing, standing, bending, twisting, walking, including up and down stairs, lifting and carrying items of up to 25-pounds. Evening and weekend hours may be needed, on occasion, to perform work associated with this position.

TO APPLY:

Please complete the online job application at jobs.villa.edu, and submit a cover letter and resume, as attachments. Completed applications are forwarded to the Search Committee for review. The Search Committee will carefully review each resume and qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Villa Maria College is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion or creed, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, marital status, or physical or mental disability in admissions, employment, or in any other aspect regarding the conduct of College programs and activities. Should you require an accommodation, according to the guidelines of the ADA, please seek the counsel of the Director of Human Resources for assistance.

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE INCLUSION STATEMENT:

At Villa Maria College, we value diversity and respect for human dignity as foundations for our collective growth. We develop effective reciprocal relationships based on compassion, trust, and authenticity. To fulfill this purpose, we welcome all students and employees who contribute to the richness of our diversity. We work every day to ensure that all who join our inclusive community have what they need to realize their full potential.

SALARY RANGE: \$40,000-42,500