

LFS 496 Community Education Opportunity - Winter Term 1 2022

Mentor: Fresh Roots Experiential Learning team · East Vancouver, British Columbia

Position Location: Vancouver; primarily Van Tech and David Thompson Secondaries. Work will be primarily in person with school groups. All work will be in accordance with current public health orders.

Hours: 117 hours from Sept 12-Dec 2; Please see Qualifications below for important scheduling requirements

Credits: 3 credits

The Position

If you love seeing kids find joy in holding worms or discover that kale is their favorite food, if you can make rainy days the best days, or if you have a favorite silly vegetable song or game, this might be the position for you! The Community Education student will assist the Experiential Learning Team in delivering and developing a variety of educational programming on our farms. Programs include farm field trips for grades K-12 (primarily K-5) and community events on the farms. You will also have the opportunity to assist our Good Food Farm team in wrapping up our growing season.

Learning Goals

- Increase skills in farm-based community education, including public speaking, facilitation, group management, and activity and lesson planning
- Increase knowledge of Fresh Roots's core educational focuses: food and food systems, land and ecology, and community connection and celebration.
- Understand the role of community education in connecting people with food, the land, and their communities

Specific Duties

The Community Education student will work alongside the Experiential Learning Team, and eventually independently, on the following tasks:

- Facilitating farm field trips for elementary and secondary youth, including leading educational games and discussions, farm work, and harvesting and preparing food.
- Developing new learning activities, educational materials, or other "legacy project" in line with their interests.
- Limited administrative/computer work to support the Experiential Learning Team.

Qualifications

- Must be a UBC student intending to register for LFS 496 for Winter 1 term

- **Must be available to work on site in East/South Vancouver at least 4 of the following shifts each week** (including at least 2 mornings), from September 22-October 28:
 - **Tuesday, 9-12 or 12-3**
 - **Wednesday, 9-12 or 12-3**
 - **Thursday 9-12 or 12-3**
 - **Friday 9-12 or 12-3**
- Must be available for at least 1 hour between 10:00 and 5:00 on Mondays for a weekly planning meeting (can be done virtually)
- Must pass a criminal record check for working with children and vulnerable populations
- Interest in and willingness to learn about community education and nonprofits
- Excitement for learning new things and sharing knowledge with others
- Experience working with kids preferred
- Education and/or experience in teaching, gardening, farming, cooking, ecology, or related fields preferred
- Experience with, or willingness to learn, Google Suite and other web-based platforms
- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions for up to 6 hours a day
- Able to follow policies and procedures to ensure participant and staff health and safety
- Flexible to travel between South Vancouver, East Vancouver, and possibly Coquitlam (all sites are transit accessible)

How to Apply

Submit a resume, plus either a short cover letter OR video introduction via our website,

<https://freshroots.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=48>

Your cover letter or video should introduce yourself, share why you want this position and what you hope to gain from the position if accepted. Videos should be no more than 2 minutes; cover letters should be no more than 500. Please note that we are not judging your video editing skills, and neither videos nor cover letters are preferred. Choose the option that best lets you shine.

Fresh Roots is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from underrepresented groups.

We regret that due to the high volume of applicants only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

About Fresh Roots

Our Vision is Good Food For All, which is realized when youth have the skills, capacity, and will to act as food citizens and land stewards, to grow and share healthy food for themselves, their families, and the planet! To make this vision a reality, we cultivate educational farms and programs where students dig into

meaningful connections with the land, food, and each other, inspiring communities to build just food systems.
Learn more at freshroots.ca.