

FreshRoots Vancouver

LFS 496 School Food Education Opportunity - Winter 2023

Position Location: Grandview/ᓵuuqinak'uuh Elementary. Program site is approximately 55 minutes by transit from UBC.

Hours and Credits: 117 hours from January-April (3 credits) OR 234 hours from January-June (6 credits)

Schedule: Candidate must be available to work Mondays, 9:00-3:00. Additional hours will be scheduled at the start of the term and may include onsite or remote work.

The Position

If you love seeing kids find joy in holding worms or discover that kale is their favourite food, if you can make rainy days the best days, and if you're excited to help kids connect to the land and their food, this is the position for you! The School Food Education student will assist the Grandview Program Lead in delivering school-based garden and cooking programming at a small public elementary school with a strong Indigenous focus. Program days are Mondays-Wednesdays (9:00am-3:00pm) at Grandview Elementary in East Vancouver.

Learning Goals

- Increase skills in food-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 School Food Education student will work alongside the Grandview Program Lead on the following tasks:

- Facilitating elementary cooking and garden programming, in the classroom and in the school garden.
- Developing new learning activities, educational materials, or other "legacy project" in line with their interests.
- Limited administrative/computer work.
- 6 Credit option may include assisting with field trips on our East Van farm site in April-June.

Qualifications

- Must be a UBC student intending to register for LFS 496 for Winter 2 term
- **Must be available to work on site in East Vancouver between 9:00-3:00 Mondays.**
- 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
- 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
- Able to lift and carry 30lbs

How to Apply

Submit a letter of interest (about 250-400 words) sharing why you are interested in the position, what you hope to learn, and any related experience (paid or unpaid) to <https://freshroots.bamboohr.com/careers/54>.

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.