

Active Learning
After School Cultural Dance Teacher
Compensation: \$25-\$30/hour
Benefits: Flexible Schedule
Hours: 5-20 hours per week



SUMMARY

Active Learning is looking for Teaching Artists in Dance to teach children grades TK-12th in LA and Orange County School Districts' After School Programs. Active Learning teachers are known throughout Orange County for their excellence in teaching their craft. We are seeking animated and outgoing personalities with an interest in teaching children, a skill they themselves are passionate about. While a dance background is desired, teachers will be provided with training and curriculum but are also encouraged to employ their own individuality, creativity, and expertise to make their lessons unique and engaging for students. If you are a creative individual who is passionate about Arts education and making a positive impact on students' lives, we would love to hear from you.

The role of a Cultural Dance Teacher is to impart knowledge and appreciation for various forms of cultural dance to students of all ages and skill levels. Cultural dance teachers will design and deliver engaging lessons that educate students about the historical and cultural significance of different dances, while also focusing on technical skills, movement techniques, and performance quality.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Prepare dance lessons for students in Transitional Kindergarten to 12th grade on a weekly basis
- Use age appropriate teaching techniques to guide students in Transitional Kindergarten to 12th grade
- Manage up to 20 students with clear expectations, respect, and organized teaching
- Utilize different teaching styles to meet the needs of a diverse range of students
- Create a positive and fun environment in which to learn and create
- Inspire critical thinking methods while teaching dance lessons to students
- Communicate and coordinate with a team teacher in daily lessons
- Check in with the school staff for communication regarding schedule, location, classes, etc.
- Maintain a positive rapport with school staff such as principal, office staff and other admin
- Organize materials and ensure the needed equipment is ready
- Communicate with Warehouse/Inventory Manager, Site Coordinator, Program Manager regarding materials needed, curriculum needs, teaching support, etc.
- Teach students various cultural dance forms, including traditional dances from different countries or regions, folklore dances, ceremonial dances, and contemporary interpretations of cultural dance styles.
- Instruct students on dance techniques, movement vocabulary, choreography, and stage presence, ensuring they understand the nuances and historical contexts of each dance form.
- Provide insights into the cultural origins, rituals, music, costumes, and storytelling associated with each dance style, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation among students.
- Offer constructive feedback and guidance to students on their technique, posture, timing, expression, and overall performance, helping them improve their skills and confidence.
- Organize performances within the school to showcase students' progress and promote cultural awareness and diversity.
- Maintain a safe and respectful learning environment.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Educational or formal training in dance required
- Knowledge and understanding of dance techniques and choreography
- Strong understanding of child development and impact on learning
- Patient, empathetic, and encouraging demeanor to motivate and inspire students
- Adaptability and flexibility to tailor lessons to meet diverse student needs and learning styles

- Ability to remain positive, calm and flexible when faced with unexpected situations
- A good knowledge of safety principles and practices
- Experience working with children in a school or after school setting
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Excellent time management, multitasking and organizational skills with ability to prioritize work
- Ability to be flexible and adapt as needed between in-person work environments
- Self-directed and able to work independently
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Must pass a background check.
- TB test clearance to be renewed every 4 years.