



PCM seeks a Curriculum Consultant! Early February start date.

Providence Children’s Museum (PCM) plans to contract with a RI public elementary school educator to transform popular museum activities into teacher-friendly lesson plans. The educator who participates in this project will strengthen their expertise in learning standards through building a deeper understanding of play-based learning.

With a long history of success of engaging younger children in learning through a model that blends facilitation with discovery and play, and with a new interactive web site, PCM has a unique opportunity to provide parents and educators with engaging play based and standards-structured resources for young children.

Throughout the period of the pandemic, the museum has transitioned from in person programming to online and digital experiences. With a focus on the fundamentals of creativity, project-based learning and play, PCM engages with parents and children through daily videos and activities available without cost for all who seek it.

Specifics:

Our curriculum consultant will take museum activities and align them to Rhode Island’s state standards. The standards-aligned activities will be available for free download on the Museum’s new website, along with other supplemental links and materials. The consultant will also assist with the development of The Play Intensive, a training series for teachers. PCM will host in-person and virtual workshops for a select but diverse group of teachers (K-3) to teach them the fundamentals of play-based learning while cocreating 30-40 lesson plans. For more information about the teachers’ application process and The Play Intensive [click here](#). The lesson plans will be part of a library that meet educational standards, inspiring creativity, cultivating social-emotional skills and engaging learners through a play-based approach.

This project is funded in part by a grant from a private funder.

Time Period: February 2021- June 2021

February: Participate in orientation to museum’s play approach to teaching and learning, identify standards in existing activities and assist in planning an inaugural educator training series. Estimating 25 hours of involvement.

Mar- Jun: Provide coaching for PCM staff and volunteers in standards and participate in educator training. Estimating 25 hours of involvement

Compensation: \$50 per hour. Taxes will not be deducted. Consultants must complete a W9 and provide invoices monthly.

Preferred experience:

- RI Certified public school teacher with significant experience developing and delivering academic instruction.
- Confident in ability to align interactive instruction within RIDE standards.
- Has knowledge of elementary grades, goals and approaches to elementary school instruction. Ability to share in the delivery of trainings.
- Affinity for delivering STEAM themes and project-based learning.

How to apply? Please email resume, cover letter and the contact information for two references to Kristin Read, Director of Education read@childrenmuseum.org

Taking applications now for a quick start!