



Education Intern

[Westport Continuing Education](#), a division of Westport Public Schools in Connecticut, seeks education interns to assist with the research and development of lesson plans and activities for its Summer 2021 Discovery Camp. The weekly day camp serves up to 70 students in grades entering K-5 from June 28 through August 6.

The Education Intern should have at least 2 years of college/undergraduate school completed in elementary education, special education, history, museum studies; a career interest in education; and an interest in developing lesson plans and activities that reinforce state and local curriculum. The rolling deadline for activities begins weekly on June 28. The Education Intern is a volunteer position and the # of hours are flexible. This project can be done virtually.

The new goals of Discovery Camp at Greens Farms Elementary School include incorporating inquiry-based learning with hands-on activities in art/visual literacy, language arts/literacy, math, STEM, and social studies/civics/local and state history. In addition, the camp will include activities that address social/emotional learning goals. The lesson plans/activities will focus on grades K-2 and 3-5 and should be completed in 45 minutes. Projects can also take place over 1 - 3 days during camp with the goal of taking home a completed project. Activities that “spill-over” to at-home learning are also encouraged, such as questions or challenges that engage students’ families. Activities may also include Scavenger Hunts utilizing the Westport Public Art Collections on view at Greens Farms School. These activities will serve to reinforce local, inquiry-based curriculum and CT Common Core curriculum goals. However lesson plans can also include creative play, teambuilding, and outdoor games. Activities that address social and school-ready skills are also important for students who are entering Kindergarten in the fall.

Discovery Camp works closely with the Extended School Year (ESY) program to serve Westport students with special needs. These students receive services through ESY and then join the Discovery Camp. Lesson plans and activities need to be flexible and allow for differentiation. Candidates with an interest in working with special needs students are encouraged to apply.

Candidates seeking more experience in education can gain valuable experience by working to reinforce [public school curriculum](#) and the mission of [Westport Public Schools](#). Westport and the state of Connecticut also benefits from initiatives and resources including:

[CT Common Core](#)

[CT Social Studies Framework](#)

[CT Explored](#) social studies curriculum guide, [Where I Live](#)

[RULER](#), developed by [Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence](#)

[Teach It](#), an initiative of CT Humanities (one of the most active state humanities councils in the nation)

[Westport Public Art Collections](#)

WCE Education Intern:

- Learn about how to incorporate public school curriculum into fun and engaging activities for kids in grades K - 2 and/or 3 - 5.
- Utilize a lesson plan template to detail all aspects of the lesson; time needed, materials, procedure, building on previous knowledge, curriculum connections, etc.
- Research and develop “mini” lesson plans and hands-on activities that take place over one 45-minute session. Longer lesson plans can occur over a 2 or 3 day, 45-minute period.
- Activities may focus on the arts/visual literacy, language arts (book-based activities with read-alouds), math/STEM, and social studies/civics.
- Activities are encouraged to utilize state and local resources, Connecticut and Westport history.

Qualifications:

Potential candidates should have an interest in working in education or non-profits with an educational mission. Candidates should have completed at least two years in Bachelor’s degree in education, history, museum studies; a career interest in education; and an interest in developing activities that reinforce curriculum. Excellent written skills are recommended as well as an attention to detail, the ability to work independently, dependable and organized with excellent research skills. Proficient computer skills in word processing required.

About:

Westport Continuing Education (WCE) provides high quality educational and enrichment programs to the residents of Westport and Fairfield County, annually serving nearly 6,000 adults and kids with 700 programs. Classes, workshops, and camps are offered throughout the year after school, in the evenings, and on weekends for adults and children.

WCE is a division of Westport Public Schools, whose mission is to empower and inspire students to reach their full potential as lifelong learners and socially responsible contributors to our global community. We achieve this by fostering critical and creative thinking and collaborative problem solving through a robust curriculum delivered by engaging and dedicated educators. We are committed to maintaining an environment that supports inquiry and academic excellence, emotional and physical well-being, appreciation of the arts and diverse cultures, integrity and ethical behavior.

Christine Jewell, director of Westport Continuing Education, has over 20 years of previous experience working in museum education. She developed inquiry-based museum tours, lesson plans, and teacher guides that reinforce social studies curriculum for grades 3, 4 and 5 in Fairfield, CT. She has shared her expertise in museum learning, youth development, Visual Thinking Strategies, and 21st century skill-building through presentations both regionally and nationally. She has presented at conferences for the Library of Congress, National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Department of Education, New England Museum Association, and the Connecticut After School Network.

The deadline is Friday, March 12 at 5pm. Interested applicants should complete the [online application here >>](#)

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