



Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota

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LOWER SIOUX INDIAN COMMUNITY

DAKOTA LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT - JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Dakota Language Teacher Assistant
DEPARTMENT: Cansayapi Cultural Department
REPORTS TO: Dakota Language Teacher
STATUS: Part Time (Up to 10 Hours a Week)
FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt
SALARY GRADE:

SUMMARY:

The Dakota Language Teacher Assistant will work alongside the Dakota Language Teacher to help achieve language revitalization within the Cansayapi community. The teacher assistant will shadow the Dakota Language teacher in the classroom across multiple levels of Dakota language to diverse students; monitor and assess the students' progress; and help develop programs and opportunities for culturally-based language activities for the whole community. The Dakota Language Assistant Teacher will be expected to work towards Dakota Language proficiency as well as language lesson planning.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Some knowledge and familiarity of Dakota language and culture.
- Previous Dakota language teaching experience.
- Knowledge of computers and audio/visual technologies.
- Experience in working with young children and/or parents.
- Strong intergenerational oral communication skills.
- Experience coordinating or leading family-based projects and activities.
- Demonstrated ability to work as an effective team member and/or team leader.
- Commitment to and/or interest in Dakota lifeways, language, and values.
- Sensitivity and interest in working with diverse populations.
- Energy, initiative, creativity and willingness to try innovative approaches and techniques

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Help in customizing existing curriculum and create new curriculum to support continuous learning for the learners.
- Assist in development of new interactive language learning tools, such as language apps, for diverse learners.
- Assist in prep and teaching of language classes.

- Work towards Dakota Language proficiency.
- Assist in bimonthly cultural/language camps for families to infuse a joyful learning experience into the broader community.
- Meet with and record interviews with master speakers to advance his/her language skills with the goal of sharing these lessons with others in the community.
- Collaborate with other second-language Dakota teachers in the community to promote sustained engagement and connection among the new teachers at Lower Sioux.
- Assist in developing signage, interpretation, and other language-related activities across the community.
- Assist other departments in integrating Dakota language into their programs and services.
- Participate in Cansayapi Cultural Department meetings and staff trainings.
- Regular attendance necessary.
- Regular punctuality necessary.
- Available and willing to work any changes in hours on the schedule at any time during employment.
- Other duties as assigned

SKILLS KNOWLEDGE AND ATTRIBUTES:

- Knowledge of computers and audio/visual technologies.
- Experience in working with young children and/or parents.
- Strong intergenerational oral communication skills.

DISCLAIMER:

This is not necessarily an exhaustive list of all the responsibilities, skills, duties, requirements, efforts or working conditions associated with the job. While this is intended to be an accurate reflection of the current job, management and Community Council reserves the right to revise the job or to require that other or different tasks be performed when circumstances change (e.g. emergencies, changes in personnel, workload, rush jobs or technical developments).

In accepting employment, I am agreeing to perform the duties and responsibilities listed above. In addition, I agree to adhere to any policy or procedure changes that may occur during my employment with the Lower Sioux Indian Community.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____