



Seeking
LEAD TEACHER
Beginning August 2025

Lincoln Park Cooperative Nursery School (LPCNS) is a Social Constructivist, play-based preschool that embraces the philosophy that learning takes place in the context of authentic relationships. Through meaningful collaboration with families and a focus on individualized instruction that comes from a deep respect for children as collaborators in their own development, the full potential of the parent-student-teacher partnership is maximized. We are a licensed and NAEYC accredited nursery school which has operated for almost 75 years.

We are looking for an individual to join our staff in all aspects of our work with young children. LPCNS uses a developmentally appropriate, child-centered, play-based curriculum. This is an excellent opportunity for someone looking for the chance to work with highly qualified staff in an exemplary nursery program and unique school model.

Position and Duties

Lead teachers collaborate on lesson planning based on our curriculum, assessing, recording and documenting individual child and group growth and development, and regularly communicating with parents regarding their child's progress. This position is a co-teaching position for the nursery school program. Lead Teacher hours are customized within school hours each year according to their particular class and overall staff scheduling. As part of our cooperative, staff members also participate in occasional school meetings and events that can take place on evenings and weekends.

Lead teachers attend weekly staff meetings and are responsible for keeping abreast of trends in Early Childhood Education by participating in conferences and in-service training, and participating in both individual and staff professional development experiences and activities.

Qualifications and Experience

Candidates must have a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education, Child Development, or a related field. Experience is required. Equally important are the personal qualities of enthusiasm, warmth, flexibility, creativity, sound judgment and emotional maturity with a sincere desire to effectively serve the needs of the children and families, which make up our cooperative. All school employees are required to be fingerprinted by the state of Illinois and undergo a criminal background check.

Salary: \$30,000 - \$60,000. Based on a 40 week school year and commensurate with experience; Benefits Include: Paid vacation, holidays, personal days, sick days, health and retirement benefits, and professional development dues.

To apply, please send a current resume and a letter explaining why you are an ideal candidate to:

Emily Darrell, Director

1753 North Fern Court

Chicago, IL 60614

Or email to admin@lincolnparkcoop.org

No phone calls, please.

Lincoln Park Cooperative Nursery School is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, marital status, protected medical condition, physical or mental disability, veteran status, or any other characteristics protected by law. We embrace the value that diversity brings to our school environment and encourage the application of candidates who represent the diversity of our school and city community.