



ELL Program Support Specialist Job Description

Mission

Literacy Services of Wisconsin (LSW) partners with motivated adults to provide access to quality basic education and skills training so they can improve their lives, enrich their families, and strengthen our community.

Position Summary

The Program Support Specialist (PSS) assists in all areas of programming within LSW with a focus on student and tutor activities in the English Language Learning (ELL) department and the Headquarters location. This includes providing instructional support and guidance for volunteer tutors; the training of volunteer tutors; student and tutor matching; proctoring student assessments; ensuring accuracy of records; ongoing case management; facilitating conversation groups and digital literacy labs; supporting volunteer and professional instructors; and providing a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for staff, learners, and visitors. The PSS contributes to program and curriculum development, the development and implementation of Personal Education Plans, and the promotion of wraparound services for adult students. The PSS will provide supplementary coverage and project support for all LSW programs and sites as needed. The PSS reports directly to the Manager of ELL Programs and works closely with the Manager of Adult Education Programs and other program staff based out of the Headquarters location. This position requires flexible scheduling with evening availability as well as travel between sites in the Milwaukee area. Occasional collaborative and/or recruitment opportunities may arise on Saturdays.

Primary Responsibilities

- Lead volunteer tutor management. This includes, but is not limited to, onboarding and training new volunteer ELL tutors, pairing tutors and learners, supervising tutoring sessions, bridging communication between tutors and learners, providing instructional materials and advice as requested, monitoring progress of tutor/learner partnerships to ensure goals are met, and organizing tutor in-service training sessions.
- Schedule and proctor assessments of learners using the TABE and TABE CLAS-E national testing systems
- Assist with student case management, maintenance of learner files and paperwork, tracking daily tutor and learner attendance, entering and regularly updating learner information in an electronic database, scheduling and communicating with learners and volunteer tutors, setting appointments, and answering phone calls
- Facilitate and lead weekly conversation group sessions for students in the ELL program
- Facilitate and lead weekly digital literacy lab sessions for students in all programs and for community members
- Support volunteer and professional ELL instructors by gathering materials, communicating with students, and recording attendance data
- Maintain safety, cleanliness, and organization inside and outside of all LSW sites where work is conducted

- Participate in department and all-staff meetings, an annual in-service, and other organization-wide events as required
- Other duties as assigned

Preferred Knowledge and Qualifications

- High school credential; some college preferred
- Some program or volunteer management experience, including supervision of others
- Bilingual or skilled in a language other than English
- Previous experience in adult education and/or community-based client services
- Computer proficiency (word processing, data collection, spreadsheets, etc.)
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; strong customer service skills
- Ability to work as a member of the program team in a fast-paced environment
- Experience working with disadvantaged populations
- Commitment to the mission and students of LSW
- Instructional experience strongly preferred

Compensation: This is a full-time, 40 hr/wk position with a weekly schedule of Monday through Friday. Rate of pay is \$18/hour. Benefits include generous paid time off (PTO), subsidized health, vision, and dental insurance coverage, retirement plan, and paid professional development opportunities.

How to Apply: Applications and relevant questions should be sent via email to Patrice Vnuk (PVnuk@literacyservices.org) and will be accepted until the position is filled. A complete application includes 1) a letter of interest, 2) a resume, and 3) a list of three professional references.

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