

University of Washington

Mount Rainier Institute EE Instructor



In partnership with Mount Rainier National Park, the University of Washington operates the Mount Rainier Institute. Mount Rainier Institute is a residential environmental education program. Our mission is to provide outstanding nature-based education experiences that are rooted in science and nurture the next generation of environmental stewards and leaders. We are looking for skilled educators to continue the development of an exceptional environmental education program with one of the nation's iconic National Parks.

Environmental Education Instructors lead youth and adults through inquiry-based field science investigations and teach a variety of topics such as climate change, natural history, geology, forestry, resource management, and cultural history of the Pacific Northwest. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of the ongoing developing outdoor school program.

Term of Position: **Spring 2022 season starts in March through mid-June-Note: this start date may be altered depending on the status of COVID-19.** May involve weekend and evening hours. Shared housing will be provided for a modest monthly rental fee.

Mount Rainier Institute is committed to diversity. We welcome qualified applicants regardless of race, religion, color, sexual orientation, or gender.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead students grades 3-12 through Mount Rainier Institute's experiential learning programs focusing on inquiry-based field science investigations and the natural and cultural history of the Mount Rainier region
- Cultivate a positive, inclusive, multi-cultural, student-centered learning environment that inspires community development, scientific and environmental literacy, and a sense of place
- Assist in the design of customized environmental and science education programs based on the needs of each school group and the Mount Rainier Institute programmatic framework
- Help with field research tasks such as measuring of forest inventory plots, flagging and tagging seedlings, and maple sugaring set up
- Attend training and regularly scheduled staff meetings and positively contribute to the staff community
- Ensure the safety and well-being of program participants
- Conduct evening and weekend programs as needed
- Assist in the maintenance of all program supplies, equipment, and facilities
- Assist with other duties as required

REQUIREMENTS:

- BA/BS in Education, Environmental Sciences, Environmental Studies, Forestry, Resource Interpretation, Natural Resources, Outdoor or Environmental Education, Biology, multi-disciplinary studies or a related field, or comparable experience.
- One or two years of relevant teaching experience, preferably outdoor.
- Working knowledge of inquiry-based scientific field study techniques
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Physically able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and hike several miles at elevation
- Great independent worker and team player

- Current First Aid and CPR certification
- Must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless a medical or religious exemption is approved

DESIRED:

- Extensive experience in classroom teaching, outdoor environmental education, residential environmental learning centers, national parks, or nature centers
 - Wilderness First Responder certification
 - Knowledge of the natural history of the Pacific Northwest
 - Ability to teach in another language
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COMPENSATION:

\$21.17 per hour

Please apply [UW Hires](#). For questions contact jhayes90@uw.edu.

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Appointment to this position is contingent upon obtaining satisfactory results from a criminal background check.