

Grade 9-12 Visual Arts Teacher Job Description

NSU University School is seeking a full-time visual arts teacher to teach introductory and advanced courses with a central focus on drawing and painting.

The teacher will lead student teams in producing content for competitions and art exhibitions. While teaching certification is preferred, it is not required, and qualified candidates will demonstrate a willingness to learn about education and the ability to help students access the training necessary for growth and achievement.

About NSU University School

We are a private, independent school in Davie, Florida, located on the beautiful campus of Nova Southeastern University. We have a digital photography lab, equipped with iMacs and digital editing software. We were recently featured on NBC 6's segment, *Brag About Your School*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viVM8uQocUc>

Our class sizes are relatively small — 24 students max — and we are very invested in providing our arts teachers with the resources necessary for success.

Our salary range is competitive with Broward County Schools, and we offer free daily lunch, excellent [benefits](#), access to NSU's vast resources, and tuition discounts for our Early Childhood Development daycare, our JK-12 private school, and/or master's and doctoral programs at NSU.

Our [mission](#) is to bring out the best in our students, and our ideal teachers are people who can help bring out the best in US! If you are the type of person who seeks to innovate and find ways to improve our community, then I look forward to discussing our program, its resources, and the package we have to offer. We would appreciate any referrals.

NSU UNIVERSITY SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.uschool.nova.edu

If interested, please contact Danny Swerdlow, Director of Arts, at swerdlow@nova.edu.

Responsibilities

- Teach Upper School visual arts classes.
- Work closely with the directors to develop and align curricula.
- Implement best practices in art education pedagogy based on student-centered learning and responsive teaching methods.
- Communicate consistently with parents and school counselors about student progress.
- Create a welcoming environment that reflects the school's mission of challenging each student to achieve academic excellence within a nurturing atmosphere.
- Attend department, team, and faculty meetings.
- Attend other events as directed by the Director of Arts.
- Research and identify opportunities for student participation in competitions, festivals, workshops, and conventions.

- Plan, organize, and promote field trips to student competitions and festivals.
- In partnership with the OIIT Department, continuously organize, maintain, and update the Digital Photography resources.
- Develop and implement policies and procedures for student use of materials and equipment.
- Design and implement rubrics for evidence-based evaluation of student performance and mastery.
- Maintain professional competence through in-service education activities provided by the school and/or in self-selected professional growth activities.
- Identify opportunities to highlight student works in the community.
- Host an annual schoolwide art exhibit.

Ideal candidate will

- Have general knowledge in a variety of visual arts media.
- Use traditional arts supplies and tools related to ceramics, drawing, painting, etc.
- Have exceptional writing and organizational skills.
- Work well in teams and have the ability to inspire and motivate people.
- Be an independent problem-solver.
- Take initiative to identify problems, propose solutions, and implement actions.
- Be an active and responsive listener and mentor, setting high expectations while supporting students in achieving their goals.
- Maintain professionalism at all times.
- Be an exemplary role model to students and faculty alike.
- Have a good balance of visionary ideas and practical solutions.

Qualifications

- Bachelor or advanced degree in visual arts, a related field, or a field relevant to the duties of the position.
- Preferably 2 or more years of teaching experience, including curriculum design.
- Knowledge of effective instructional techniques and innovative modes of course delivery adaptable to a variety of learning styles.
- Demonstrated ability to create, advocate for, and execute a long-term vision for programmatic growth.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills and ability to articulate technical information to non-technical students and faculty.
- Experience working in a team-oriented environment.
- Willingness to adapt in a fast-paced work environment where roles and responsibilities are flexible.