



Since 1996, Interact's mission to create art that challenges perceptions of disability has redefined who is included in creating the artistic vocabulary. Our center of 100+ actors and visual artists with disabilities creates all original work, sustains rigorous professional standards, and explores ideas through the lens of the entire spectrum of disability labels. Our uncompromising vision of radical inclusion dissolves concepts of who "can" or "cannot," blending the talents and viewpoints of artists with and without disabilities, and artists from mainstream and marginalized communities.

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### **Interact Position Description**

**Position: Visual Arts & Writing Instructor**

**Reports To: Visual Arts Department Manager**

**Status: Full Time, Hourly; 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM M-F. Occasional early arrival in mornings and evening/weekend hours.**

**Hourly Wage: \$20.00**

**Involvement with clients: Fulfill all duties as direct support professional. Training is provided.**

### **Position Description:**

· This position serves primarily as an art instructor for an estimated 75 artists enrolled in the Interact Visual Arts program and serves as a personal advocate for a sub-set of 10-15 artists within the program. Candidates should have some experience in client care for a vulnerable population. This position is expected to have some administrative acumen to plan and communicate efficiently. We prioritize candidates that have active personal arts practice, as this best upholds Interact's organizational values. We prioritize candidates that have an active writing practice and experience creating and leading writing workshops.

### **Key responsibilities:**

- Proactively plan, organize and facilitate daily artistic programming with department team of other artists, including developing and teaching workshops and maintaining a communal studio section.
- Together with Studio Manager, help continue developing and maintaining a Literary Arts program.
- Participate in planning and implementing studio activities, including art exhibitions, staffing art gallery during shows; community art events or field trips.
- Serve as artistic advocate for an assigned group of client artists with a range of disabilities, including but not limited to cognitive, physical and developmental disabilities. Assist client artists with their daily artistic needs, set annual goals and maintain monthly logs for each client to ensure each artist makes progress in their artistic career.



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- Participate in all required social services and state licensing training; follow all policies and procedures to ensure clients are always in a safe and supportive environment.
- Candidates **must** be willing to assist clients with personal needs, including toileting, if required.
- Work retail gallery shifts for special events outside of regular work hours with comp time provided (Fundraising Events, Interact Performances and Exhibitions, Holiday Art Sale, etc.)

### **Qualifications:**

- For Instructors, demonstrated experience in developing, teaching and evaluating workshops/classes in the arts and arts instruction required. Additional experience in developing, teaching and evaluating workshops/classes in writing strongly preferred.
- Ability to work collaboratively as a part of a team environment; strong interpersonal skills required.
- Experience in the social services or disability community highly preferred; knowledge of ASL a plus.
- Candidates of diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.
- All candidates must pass a background check prior to hiring.
- **A strong background in Visual Arts is required.**

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:** Demonstrate communication skills (oral and written) with artists, families, health professionals, community agencies, and units of government. Demonstrated ability to work with people from diverse racial, ethnic, and economic backgrounds.

**TO APPLY:** Please send a letter of interest, your resume, 3-5 work samples, and 3 professional references to [joli@interactcenter.com](mailto:joli@interactcenter.com). Applications without these 3 requirements will not be considered. No phone calls, please. We are looking to hire as soon as possible.