

POSITION DESCRIPTION - Early Childhood Teacher

Position Title: iECFE (Islamic Early Childhood Family Education) Age 3 Teacher **No. of positions:** 1

About Building Blocks: Building Blocks is a non-profit organization which provides a platform for all concerned Muslims to practically apply Islamic principles and work together for the community's advancement through the provision of social, educational, and religious services. For more information, please visit www.thebuildingblocks.org.

Goal of Position:

The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Teach! Make things easy and do not make things complicated." He (PBUH) repeated this three times, stressing the importance of education. [Ibn Hajar]

Islamic Early Childhood Family Education (iECFE) is a parenting and early childhood education program that provides classes, special family events and other learning opportunities for parents and their children age 1-5 in an Islamic environment. iECFE also incorporates a school readiness program for 3-5-year-old children with the goal of preparing them for kindergarten. The program runs 31-36 weeks per year, potentially including summer classes based on demand and availability.

This position is a powerful opportunity for someone who is devoted to teaching the mission of Islam. At the heart of iECFE is introducing young minds to the Greatness of Allah. Our goal is to instill a "Little Muslim" identity full of pride, love, and honor for Islam.

Benefits:

The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Anyone who calls [people] to a right guidance will be rewarded like the reward of all those who followed him, without depriving them anything from their reward." [Ibn Hibban]

What can be better than earning reward while doing something you love! Let this role become an ongoing *sadaqah* for you. Not only will you be benefiting the future generation of Muslims, but you will have a chance to work and grow in a completely Islamic environment.

Duties include:

- Assist in daily and weekly planning and set-up of materials and activities for age 3 children.
- Assist in conducting group and individual activities for children ages 3 in School Readiness, and their parents in iECFE
- Assist in teaching academic and social skills through planned learning activities in the classroom.
- Participate in staff meetings.
- Perform other duties as assigned including but not limited to managing resource center materials, and assisting with events for parents and children.

Qualifications:

- MN teaching license.
- Previous experience with early childhood instruction. Early Childhood (Pre-K or Birth-3rd grade) licensure preferred.
- Must have a solid understanding of the basic and authentic principles of Islam
- Demonstrated ability to work with parents and children, age 1 to 5, one-on-one or in groups. Knowledge of child development.
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 35 pounds.
- Ability to manage work devices and materials handling, data functions, and people functions.

Additional Job Information

Rate of pay: \$12-\$15/hour DOQ, 9 months, 4 hours per week + 1 hour administrative time per week.

Some unpaid summer curriculum development will be required.

Start Date of Employment: September 2011, exact date TBD.

Location: 2001 Central Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55418

To Apply:

Email your cover letter and resume to Sr. Hina Siddiqui: iECFE@thebuildingblocks.org

Closing date: July 22nd, 2011