University School of Nashville
Middle School – Apprentice Teacher
2017-2018 Academic Year

In congruence with our history as a demonstration school, University School of Nashville provides this apprentice position intended to introduce a novice teacher to independent school curriculum and culture, to confirm a commitment to the profession in the teacher’s heart and mind, and to begin to develop base knowledge and skills that will lead to a rich learning experience for students in a classroom setting. As an independent school committed to a faculty and student body representative of the wider community it serves, we especially encourage candidates from historically under-represented minorities to apply.

The apprentice teacher will work alongside highly regarded middle school mentor teachers (grades 5-8) in one or more of the following academic areas: English, math, social students, science, or world languages. The apprentice teacher will assist in the planning, instruction, and assessment of course curricula, and participate in grade-level team meetings and in the oversight of student life in the middle school.

The ideal candidate is reliable, eager to learn and work hard, has a fondness for and ability to engage 10-14 year-olds, and has genuine interest in subject matter likely to be encountered in the middle school classroom. A formal background in education is not required, nor is any teaching credential. Applicants must currently be undergraduate or graduate students, or have finished a degree program.

The apprentice teacher position is a one-year appointment. Pay is in the range of $15 per hour and will be based on relevant experience. Hours are negotiable, not to exceed 20 hours per week.

The School

USN is an independent, non-sectarian, co-educational day school with enrollment of 1,050 students kindergarten through 12th grade. In 1915, the George Peabody College for Teachers opened Peabody Demonstration School, USN’s predecessor, which earned acclaim for its curriculum and faculty. In 1974, Peabody College announced plans to close PDS, and a group of parents, alumni, students, and teachers reconstituted and re-chartered the school as University School of Nashville.

USN’s midtown location next to Vanderbilt University and its Peabody College for Teachers reminds us every day of our 102-year-old roots in the demonstration school culture of innovation and educational best practices. It’s a vibrant educational community for both students and teachers in the midst of a dynamic city.

A deep-rooted culture of achievement at USN means students expect much of each other, and faculty benefit from that high standard. We seek educators who are enthusiastic about their own learning to complement their teaching, and we offer many opportunities for professional development. USN is committed to creating an institutional environment mirroring the cultural and ethnic composition of greater Nashville. USN encourages a diverse applicant pool and provides equal employment opportunities for employees and job applicants.

Application Process

Those interested in being considered for this position should complete the online application for this position available at www.usn.org/jobs. Please direct any questions to Jeff Greenfield, Head of Middle School, at jgreenfield@usn.org. For more information about USN, visit the school’s website at www.usn.org.