



We're looking for a part-time Special Education Assistant!

Since 2013, Bakerview Music Academy has given Fraser Valley youth access to professional after-school El Sistema music lessons, with preference given to children from low-income, single-parent, and large families. Admission to BMA is very inclusive and open to all Abbotsford students – there is no audition process. We have children who are new to Canada and many who are Canadian by birth but representative of a wide variety of cultures.

Based on the revolutionary El Sistema (the System) program in Venezuela, the goal of Bakerview Music Academy is to inspire Abbotsford youth to achieve their full potential and to have a positive impact on their lives and society as a whole. Our program fosters better citizens while developing talented musicians who get to experience the joy of performing.

Position Type: Contract, Part-Time

Contract Period: September to May 2021-2022; Tuesdays and Thursdays

Hours: 2.5-3.0 hours per day (start time negotiable - classes 3-5:15 pm)

Salary: \$20-24 per hour, commensurate with experience

Do you love kids and music? Facilitating learning? We need a caring, experienced SEA to join our small team and work with kids in grades two to high school.

Successful applicants will have graduated from a minimum one-year program for Special Education Assistants from a recognized community or technical college. Ideally, we'd like to hire someone who has a minimum of three years of experience in a related setting. We're looking for a SEA who values equity and diversity as our program offers professional music lessons to children from diverse backgrounds who have varied abilities.

In this position, you will:

- Report to the Program Director
- Provide student support as required to assist music teacher-artists with classroom management
- Provide support to students with respect to their diverse learning needs and/or social and emotional challenges
- Manage verbal and/or physical "acting out" behaviour in positive ways
- Supervise students, as required, and help teacher-artists and the program director deal with disciplinary problems as they occur
- Discuss with team members any changes which may be made to an individual student's program to better support their learning
- Support parent engagement by assisting with signing in and signing out students and helping at BMA family events/recitals
- Perform other work within the SEA role as required

Qualifications:

- Completion of Grade 12
- Completion of a recognized Post-Secondary Special Education Assistant program, or a Degree/Diploma in a related field, and/or extensive experience in an equivalent field
- First Aid Certification
- Excellent communication skills in English
- Work or practicum reference(s)
- Ability to speak a second language an asset, but not required
- Successful Completion of a Criminal Background Check

Please submit a cover letter and your resume with the subject line "Special Education Assistant Application" to info@bakerviewmusic.com. Please include three references (written or contact name & number) that include direct supervisors from practicums or recent employers (principal or administrator). **Deadline to apply: August 30, 2021.**