

Part-time licensed ECE position

Westside Japanese Language Society is hiring!

We are a registered non-profit society which runs the **Donguri Preschool**: an ECE Japanese immersion preschool, and the Kashinoki Japanese Language School: an after-school language learning program for school-aged children.

Summary

We are seeking a dedicated BC licensed ECE teacher to join our team at **Donguri Preschool**, a Japanese Immersion Preschool in Kitsilano, Vancouver. The ECE teacher will plan, organize, and implement programs for children between the ages 2.5yrs to 5yrs in a Japanese immersion preschool setting. The ECE teacher will lead children in activities to stimulate and develop their intellectual, physical and emotional growth, and ensure their security and well-being.

Requirements

- BC ECE Certificate
- Visa for work in Canada
- First Aid Certification
- Immunisations records
- Must undergo criminal record check
- Ability to meet the physical demands of the job, such as bending, kneeling, lifting small children, and active floor supervision

Preferred Experience

- Several years experience working as an ECE in a childcare facility in Japan or Canada (or other Japanese immersion environments.)
- Lesson planning, leading classroom activities including Japanese cultural customs and events

Skill and Abilities

- Fluent Japanese
- Intermediate to advanced English
- Able to communicate fluently in both Japanese and English

Responsibilities

- Develop and implement child-care programs that support and promote the physical, cognitive, emotional and social development of children
- Lead activities like telling or reading Japanese stories, teaching Japanese songs, taking children on neighbourhood outings, supervising outdoor play, and providing opportunities to express creativity through art, dramatic play, music and physical activity in Japanese.
- Plan and maintain an environment that protects the health, security and well-being of children.
- Assess the abilities, interests and needs of children and discuss progress or problems with parents and other staff members in Japanese and/or English.
- Observe children for signs of potential learning or behavioural problems and prepare reports for parents, guardians or supervisor in Japanese and/or English.
- Guide and assist children in the development of proper eating, dressing and toilet habits

- Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with co-workers and community service providers working with children in Japanese and/or English
- Communicate with parents in Japanese and English
- Communicate with community centre staff for facilities maintenance and issues.
- May plan and organize activities for school-age children in child-care programs after regular school hours in Japanese
- May supervise and coordinate activities of other early childhood educators and early childhood educator assistants

Job Type: permanent position

Pay: \$19.00~ per hour (plus ECE-WE @ \$6/hr)

Start date: Nov 2, 2026

Starting Hours - Part Time until Dec 2026:

- 2 days/week, 4.5 hours each day
- 9:15am to 1:45pm

January 2027 Hours - Full Time

- 5 days/week, 6 hours per day

Work Location: In person, Kitsilano, Vancouver

*Preschool will be closed for winter break (2 weeks), spring break (2 weeks), and summer break(2 weeks).

These days will be treated as unpaid days off.

Please send your resume and cover letter to directors@wjls.ca