

Job Posting: Arts Inclusion Specialist – Summer Theatre Program (Grades K 12)

Position Title: Arts Inclusion Specialist

Program: Summer Theatre Program for Students in Grades K-12

Location: Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University **Employment Type:** Seasonal, Full-Time (Summer 2025)

Dates: June 16 to Aug 15

Compensation: Competitive, based on experience

About the Program:

Wheelock Family Theatre at Boston University's Summer Program is dedicated to providing kindergarten through 12th-grade students with an enriching and inclusive environment to explore the theatre arts. We believe in creating an accessible and welcoming space where every student feels valued, included, and empowered.

Position Overview:

We are seeking an enthusiastic and compassionate Arts Inclusion Specialist to join our team for the summer. The Arts Inclusion Specialist will play a key role in ensuring that all students, regardless of their backgrounds or abilities, have an equitable and positive experience in our program. This includes supporting students with diverse learning needs, providing resources and accommodations, and working closely with the teaching staff to create an inclusive, supportive environment for all participants.

Key Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the program director, teaching artists, and staff to ensure the inclusion of students with a variety of abilities, learning styles, and needs in all activities.
- Develop and implement inclusive strategies, accommodations, and support plans for students as necessary.
- Assist in the creation of an accessible learning environment, ensuring that all students can participate in theatre activities, rehearsals, and performances.
- Serve as a resource for staff and families regarding best practices in arts inclusion and accessibility.
- Monitor and assess students' participation and progress to ensure they receive appropriate support and adjustments.
- Work directly with students during rehearsals and classes to provide individualized attention and guidance.
- Promote a culture of respect, empathy, and inclusivity within the program.
- Attend program-related meetings, staff training sessions, and rehearsals as needed.

Qualifications:



- Experience working with students from diverse backgrounds, including those with physical, sensory, and/or cognitive disabilities.
- Strong understanding of inclusive practices in the arts, education, or theatre.
- Experience in theatre arts and/or education, especially with K-12 students.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a diverse team and communicate effectively with students, parents, and staff.
- Compassionate, patient, and adaptable, with a commitment to creating an inclusive environment.
- Knowledge of IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) or 504 plans is a plus.
- CPR and First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain before the start of the program) is a plus.
- Previous experience working in a youth theatre or educational setting is preferred.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Jeri Hammond, Director of Education, (<u>Jerih@bu.edu</u>) by Monday, April 14, 2025 In your cover letter, be sure to describe your experience working with diverse groups of students and your passion for arts inclusion.

We encourage applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Wheelock Family Theatre@ Boston University is an equal-opportunity employer and values diversity in all forms.

Join us this summer and help create a welcoming, inclusive, and creative space for young performers!