Ceramic Instructor

About Maker House

Opened in January 2020, Maker House is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) creative hub for the Santa Barbara arts community and an international destination for all who are passionate about exploring the ceramic arts. We offer classes, workshops, memberships, artist studios, a gallery, and more to the greater Santa Barbara community.

About the Ceramic Instructor position

This role is responsible for teaching ceramics classes at Maker House. S/he/they will teach weekday afternoon and evening classes in handbuilding and on the wheel.

Core responsibilities:

Candidates for the contracted position must meet the following requirements to be considered for the position:

- Instructors must be skilled potters with a minimum of 1 to 3 years experience in wheel throwing and/or hand building skills as well as be knowledgeable in high and low fire glazing techniques. Must be able to demonstrate a strong throwing ability on a motorized potter's wheel and/or versatility within handbuilding techniques.
- Candidates will have prior experience in either teaching or the assisting of teaching ceramics and/or wheel throwing and are expected to be able to provide quality, guided instruction to adults with varying levels of skill at wheel throwing and/or handbuilding.
- Must be able to schedule classes quarterly. Our typical class hours are 9:30 -12:30pm, 1:00-4:00 pm and 5:30-8:30 pm on weekdays. Hours may vary weekly based on class/event signups. There will be the opportunity to schedule weekend workshops, as well.
- Must be able to lead private/individual lessons, couples wheel throwing classes, small group classes and weekly courses in skill/technique building, as well as provide instruction and supervision for the proper and safe use of tools, materials, and equipment. Able to guide participants through their class experience, to encourage and promote fun as well as success.
- Instructors are expected to maintain the cleanliness and organization of the studio, prepare materials and supplies in advance of classes/events so our customers' expectations are met and they receive a consistent professional experience.

- Instructors will assist management in the creation of new classes and offerings to keep things interesting for our members and students. These responsibilities include making sure customer pieces are fired and finished for pickup on time, answering general questions about the studio as well as our class offerings and cleanup after class at the studio.
- The position we are hiring for requires candidates to have the utmost positive, “can do” attitude at all times, have excellent communication and super friendly people skills, be able to work in a team environment with other staff, and be punctual and responsible.

Basic Qualifications

- 1-3 years minimum pottery wheel throwing or hand building experience with strong individual throwing or building ability.
- High School Diploma plus College ceramics experience or formal related training in pottery (degree a plus).
- One to two years of pottery or art class management/teaching experience a strong plus

Teaching Expectations

- Structuring the format of classes week to week and writing brief lesson plans
- Teaching 1-2 classes a week as well as workshops
- Ensuring students clean up properly
- Processing the firing and organization of student work
- Communicating with students outside of class when questions arise and when students are unable to attend.
- Collaborating with the Program Manager to plan potential classes and workshops, materials and toolkits needed
- Technical consulting about potential programming

Benefits

Maker House is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, or any other protected status under California or federal law.

Type: Contracted, hourly position
Pay Range: $32-$50 per hour

Qualified applicants are encouraged to email a resume, examples of work and references to programs@makerhouse.org


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