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## Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: **Preschool Teacher**

Job Family: No Family

Job Code: **EE35**

Grade AA02: \$27,500 - \$37,100

FLSA status: Non-exempt

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### Job Summary

The Preschool Teacher plans, creates, and implements the daily program for preschool learning environments at the Kreher Preserve & Nature Center (KPNC), including Woodland Wonders Nature Preschool and preschool camps throughout the year.

### Essential Functions

1. Plans and implements an emergent curriculum for a group of children consistent with developmentally appropriate early childhood education practice. Plans, implements, and evaluates a daily program which includes identifying outdoor environments for optimal learning, and developing planning materials and activities that facilitate active learning for the children.
2. Mentors and facilitates the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children through natural, outdoor environments. Documents all areas of children's health and development, and communicates observations with parents, caregivers, and/or medical professionals.. Provides, instructs, and monitors children in the use of a variety of learning materials and resources for use in educational activities.
3. Participates in modeling best nature-education practices for undergraduate students completing course requirements or internships.
4. Collaborates with the community representatives such as therapists, specialists, and psychologists as needed. Administers medication per doctor's prescribing instructions.
5. Communicates with parents on a daily basis to keep them informed of the daily progress of their children.
6. Some travel within the region and occasional travel out-of-state.
7. Performs other duties as assigned.

### Supervisory Responsibility

May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

*The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.*

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### Minimum Required Education and Experience

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Focus of Education/Experience</u>
<b>Education</b>	Four-year college degree	Degree in Early Childhood Education and Development, Natural Sciences, or related degree. Master's degree in related field is desired.
<b>Experience (yrs.)</b>	1	Experience in an outdoor, nature-based learning environment with young children is required. Experience working in a nature preschool or forest school is desired.

#### Substitutions allowed for Education:

Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

#### Substitutions allowed for Experience:

Indicated experience is required; no substitutions allowed.

### Minimum Required Knowledge

Knowledge of best practices for nature-based education.

Basic understanding of child development in all areas of development (physical, social, emotional, cognitive, creative), as well as appropriate communication with parents of young children.

Must be comfortable speaking to and educating large and small groups, in classroom and non-classroom settings, covering a broad range of nature-based topics.

Must demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, maturity, professionalism, self-discipline, and attention to detail in their work.

Basic knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; and psychological research methods.

Basic knowledge of principles and methods for curriculum and training design, teaching and instruction for individuals and groups.

Ability to work collaboratively with the KPNC Manager as well as with a diverse group of faculty, staff, students, and volunteers at the KPNC and from the CFWE, College of Education, and other Auburn University units.

### Certification or Licensure Requirements

Valid Driver's License is required. TB Skin Test.

CPR/First Aid Certificate, or ability to obtain within 60 days of date of hire.

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### Physical Requirements/ADA

Regularly involves lifting, bending or other physical exertion. Often exposed to one or more elements such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals, etc., with one often to the point of being objectionable. Injuries may require professional treatment.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

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