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Project-Based Learning Curriculum Specialist Position Announcement

The **Center for Early Childhood Education and Intervention (CECEI)** at the University of Maryland has developed [*Children Discovering Their World: Curricula for Early Childhood \(CDW\)*](#). CDW consists of *Children Study Their World: A Curriculum for Four-Year-Olds (CSW)*, which is entering its fourth year of implementation, and *Children Explore Their World: A Curriculum for Three-Year-Olds (CEW)*, a new curriculum entering its first year of implementation in the coming school year, after having been piloted during the 2021-2022 school year.

CECEI is **seeking to hire Curriculum Specialists** who will support teachers' implementation of the CSW and CEW curricula throughout the state of Maryland. Curriculum Specialists are part of the CDW professional development team and work directly with teachers, in an assigned region of the state, who are implementing either CSW or CEW for the first time.

This opportunity is a **full-time, contractual position**. Continuation is dependent upon performance and funding.

Responsibilities include:

- On-site observations
- Facilitation of a professional learning community for a cohort of up to 16 teachers
- One-on-one professional development consultations
- Planning and delivering professional development sessions, in collaboration with the CECEI team
- Collecting, analyzing, and reporting on teacher-specific data relative to strengths and areas for continued growth through use of fidelity tools, surveys, and learning journals

Minimum Qualifications:

- Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field
- Experience teaching in a high-quality, culturally and linguistically diverse, inclusive, standards-based early childhood program

- Experience with lesson planning and/or curriculum design
- Evidence of strong communication skills, both oral and written
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to foster collaboration
- Able to think creatively and at a quick pace
- Attention to detail and ability to work autonomously to meet set deadlines
- Ability to work collectively as part of a team

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with Maryland's Ready for Kindergarten Assessments
- Experience with project-based learning
- Experience presenting professional development information
- Proficiency in using Google Suite
- Familiarity with Apple office software

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Offers of employment are contingent on completion of a **background check**. Information reported by the background check will not automatically disqualify you from employment.

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Applicants should **submit the following materials** electronically: Cover letter summarizing qualifications, a current resume or CV, informal and formal writing samples, and contact information for three individuals who may be contacted by the committee as references. **Only fully complete application packages will be reviewed.**

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. For best consideration, materials should be submitted by August 29th, 2022 at 9 a.m. ET, and we will continue to accept applications until the positions are filled. All inquiries, nominations and applications should include the subject line "PBL Curriculum Specialist" and be sent to: cecei@umd.edu.