

SANCA is hiring

Acrobatics Coach

School of Acrobatics and New Circus Arts



Reports to: Acrobatics Department Manager and Program Director

Description: Circus is a joyful and empowering activity, and we are searching for an acrobatics coach to become an integral member of our staff, instructing students ages 7-99 in the circus arts. This is a part time position with an anticipated commitment of 10-25 hours each week. SANCA classes run for 12-week sessions, our coaches must commit to teaching for the entire session. Class sizes will vary based on the ages and level of students in the class; the average number of students per class is typically 6 to 8.

Teaching at SANCA can be simultaneously challenging and rewarding. We are looking for someone who has a passion for empowering students, who can easily adapt to rapidly changing and unexpected situations, and who will act as a positive role model for our students. Applicants should be comfortable coaching beginning through advanced progressions in one or more of these disciplines:

Tumbling: forward rolls, cartwheels, back-extension rolls, dive rolls, walk-overs, handsprings, front/side aerials, flips and tumbling passes.

Trampoline: proper jumping technique, position jumps, handsprings, flips; pulling lines to spot for double backs and twisting skills

Handstands: straight circus-style handstand alignment, strength and flexibility skills to help obtain the handstand line, progressions into one arm, crocodile, familiar with the use of hand stand canes

Partnered Acrobatics: L-basing skills and progressions to standing acrobatics, banquine, russian bar, dance adagio

Contortion: pagoda progressions, splits, needle scales, forearm-stands, deep stretching techniques, active flexibility

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Adhere to SANCA's policies, objectives and rules
- Support SANCA's Mission and Vision
- Coach circus classes with an emphasis on safety, positivity, and small steps to success.
- Follow the curriculum and weekly rotation
- Present a high level of professionalism as a teacher/representative of SANCA
- Prepare for each day's classes prior to the start of class
- Communicate with other coaches teaching at the same time to allow all classes access to applicable equipment and to maintain a good flow of students and classes throughout the gym
- Participate in SANCA staff trainings and meetings
- Communicate with the department coordinator about needs, challenges, and student progress
- Communicate with other coaches about the lesson plans, curriculum, and classroom rules

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate would have

- At least one year experience working with culturally diverse youth
- At least two years of experience teaching youth
- Good classroom management skills
- A working knowledge of child physical and cognitive development
- A broad knowledge of circus skills and safe progressions (especially tumbling, acrobatics, trampoline and handstands)
- Strong leadership skills: patience, maturity, and reliability
- A BA in Sociology, Education, Physical Education, or a similar field

Minimum requirements are:

- A year experience working with youth and/or adults
- Working knowledge of general acrobatic skills
- Pass a background check
- First aid/CPR certified with in 90 days of hiring

If interested, please send resumes to Carmen@sancaseattle.org

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The School of Acrobatics & New Circus Arts is dedicated to improving the mental, emotional, and physical health of children of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities by engaging them in the joyous creativity of acrobatics and circus arts.