

Puentes Hacia el Futuro
Summer Camp Volunteer Application



Priority application deadline: March 5th, 2018. Applications still accepted after this date with rolling acceptances - please apply as soon as possible!

Description

The Puentes Hacia el Futuro program is offering a six-week summer program to approximately 50 children ages 8-12 who could most benefit from extra support in enhancing their bilingual literacy. We are seeking a group of volunteers who will facilitate interactive sessions. Participants will have a significant amount of leadership and teamwork responsibility and thus are expected to be highly motivated. The volunteers will be responsible for the daily functioning of the program by leading educational, cultural, and activities and lessons for the children. The volunteers will work closely with the Puentes team and develop an understanding of the social determinants of health and social justice issues impacting our community. This is a special opportunity to learn about and to practice the process of development and implementation of an education and public health initiative.

About Puentes Hacia el Futuro

Puentes Hacia el Futuro, Puentes de Salud's education and wellness program, is predicated upon the well-evidenced fact that education is inextricably tied to the health of individuals and communities. The children of South Philadelphia's Latino community come from a rich background of bicultural and bilingual heritage but also confront significant academic, cultural, and social challenges as they navigate their education in the Philadelphia public school system. The mission of Puentes Hacia el Futuro is to improve the educational achievement of children in the Philadelphia Latino immigrant community in order to improve long-term health outcomes, as well as to provide support in the context of extremely limited educational resources.

Responsibilities include:

- Provide tutoring, mentoring, and organizational support for **35 hours** per week for **seven-weeks**. Candidates must be available for the entire duration of the program.
- Plan, lead, and implement activities and lessons for daily sessions using program curriculum.
- Provide guidance and support to children while collaborating with fellow volunteers.
- Ensure students' safety, well-being, and positive experience throughout program.
- Build relationships and work with parents, family members, and external resources to enhance children's educational experience.

Eligibility & Requirements

This opportunity is available for a college student or recent college graduate. We are seeking a highly motivated person with excellent interpersonal skills to join an enthusiastic group that is passionate about supporting the education, health and wellness of the children in this community. Fluency or proficiency in Spanish and relevant, previous experience working with children is required. This is an unpaid program.

Dates: June 18 - August 2, 2018 (one week for training and six weeks for programming)

Weekly Schedule: Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm (weekly field trip may times vary slightly)

Location: Southwark School, 1835 South 9th Street

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