



Ceramics Studio Technician

Kirkland, WA • Starting immediately

Status: Non-exempt / Part-time / Hourly (4 hours weekly)

Type: Regular

Location: On-site

Pay: \$18-19 / hour DOE

Reports To: Ceramics Studio Manager

About Kirkland Arts Center

Kirkland Arts Center (KAC) is a regionally recognized non-profit arts organization that promotes art and art education to ignite individual growth and self-expression, build community, and cultivate cultural vibrancy. For over 60 years, KAC has served Kirkland and the Eastside and now offers a wide array of visual arts classes and contemporary art exhibitions, all within the historic landmark Peter Kirk Building. KAC values a diverse, inclusive, and equitable working and learning environment for all students, staff, and instructors. We believe every member of our community enriches our diversity by exposing us to a variety of ways to understand and engage with the world, identify challenges, and work together toward effective solutions.

Position Summary

Kirkland Arts Center's ceramics program seeks a **Ceramics Studio Technician** to join our welcoming non-profit community and contribute to a vibrant, arts- and education-minded culture on the Eastside.

The Ceramics Studio Technician supports the main functions of the Ceramics Studio and its classes. Responsibilities include the safe and efficient use of ceramics equipment and materials while enforcing rules and policies set by KAC. The Technician also assists students during open studio hours and implements ongoing clay and glaze research and development for the department.

Ceramics Studio Technician's Mission:

Serve the ceramic studio needs of KAC faculty, students, and staff by providing responsive, courteous, and efficient support in technical instruction and facility management.

Responsibilities

Instruction:

- Provide assistance and instruction to the KAC community when necessary and appropriate.
- Assists students with the development of their individual projects. May answer students' general and/or technical questions about their projects; however, the Technician does not give evaluation, critique, or judgments of student projects.
- Develops a rapport with students, faculty, and staff, and provides them with assistance during scheduled work and open studio hours.

Equipment and Facilities Management :

- Assists in the operation and maintenance of ceramics facilities including but not limited to kiln loading, unloading, glaze mixing, clay mixing, and general cleanliness.
- Assist in maintaining the pace of studio flow including; daily firing schedules, glaze mixing, equipment assistance, and cleaning schedules.
- Assist in the supervision and safe operation of equipment, tools, chemicals, and materials within the ceramics studios.
- Communicates studio policies and procedures to students, faculty, and staff concerning health, safety, and cleanliness within the studios.
- Discusses requests for facility improvements with appropriate staff and faculty.
- Works with work/study students and faculty to inspect glaze test results and update, change, or add glazes.

Requirements:

- While the Ceramics Studio Technician will receive training on studio and equipment functions, a background knowledge in ceramics and an interest in developing studio skills is required.
- Show professionalism, use sound judgment, and remain flexible as demands and priorities change.
- Must be able to follow instructions, accept feedback, and ask questions.
- Must be able to work independently and display personal initiative.
- Must be reliable, dependable, and responsible.
- Must work well with people of diverse cultures, heritages, and backgrounds, contributing to the fostering of a welcoming, respectful, and accepting studio environment.
- Must be physically able to lift 50 lbs, crouch, stoop, and kneel to perform job tasks.
- Must work 100% on-site at KAC facilities in Kirkland, WA.
- Evening and weekend hours are required.

Hours, Location & Conditions

Kirkland Arts Center is based in Kirkland, Washington. Our team works in the historic Peter Kirk Building. Possibility for additional hours depending on available funding.

Application Instructions

KAC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We respect and seek to empower each individual and support the diverse cultures, perspectives, skills, and experiences within our staff, students, and governing institutions. Candidates with diverse backgrounds, such as those who identify as Black, Indigenous, Persons of Color, and/or LGBTQ+, are encouraged to apply.

Interested candidates please submit a (a) cover letter, (b) resume, and (c) diversity statement to: **bcerny@kirklandartscenter.org** with **subject line: Ceramics Studio Technician**

Open until the position is filled.

First review on **October 23, 2023**.