

JOB OPPORTUNITY Published: May 9, 2022

Employer: Asociación Visions Guatemala ONG ("Visions Guatemala")

Location: San Ramón, Matagalpa, Nicaragua

Job Title: Teacher

<u>Length of Position</u>: Full-time (*contract must be renewed annually)

Application Deadline: Applications are being considered on a rolling basis

<u>Application Guidelines</u>: Qualified candidates should email us at <u>info@visionseducation.org</u> with your 1) CV, 2) cover letter, and 3) the names & contact information (*not letters) for 2 working references.

Call for Applicants:

Visions Guatemala is looking for passionate and service-driven **women educators** who are motivated and committed to educating and empowering a generation of exceptional young Nicaraguan women to work at our nonprofit boarding school ("Escuela Vera Angelita") in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. This is a unique and challenging opportunity for teachers who are open to a novel educational setting which will directly address important social, environmental and economic issues through modern pedagogy.

Teachers will teach specific subjects to students of different grades / ages and levels (i.e.: Mathematics for Grades 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9), rather than all subjects for a single grade level. We are looking for educators to be a part of our team of teachers who will cover the following subjects for Grades 5-9:

- Language Arts
- Social Sciences
- Science
- English
- Math
- Technology & Innovation
- Leadership
- Vocational Skills
- Arts & Music
- Global Culture
- Environmental Agency

Introduction:

Escuela Vera Angelita is a private, nonprofit boarding school for girls that hail from underserved & vulnerable communities. This modern school campus lies on a 178-hectare property in the community of La Grecia in San Ramón, Matagalpa, Nicaragua and will serve young women from Grades 5-12. In February 2022, the school opened its doors to its inaugural class starting with Grades 5-8 only. The campus is located in a secure section of the almost entirely self-sufficient Vera Angelita Estate, which is also home to a full-fledged farm, coffee plantation, botanical gardens, onsite housing for staff & guests, plant nursery, and private nature reserve.

Prospective students who successfully demonstrate a passion and a capacity for learning, inherent leadership qualities, and a desire to make a positive impact on our world will receive an education with full room & board at no cost to them or their families. Our bilingual (Spanish / English) curriculum is focused on experiential learning with the intent of developing critical thinking abilities, while also

nurturing student passions and developing the skills needed to understand and address important local and global issues. Escuela Vera Angelita graduates will receive diplomas recognized by both national and international accreditation entities.

Requirements:

- Hold appropriate academic credentials, including a university degree in Education or in a specialized subject with an education certificate
- Be proficient in Spanish (*English knowledge is preferred)
- Have formal teaching experience, preferably within a culturally and educationally diverse environment
 - Have thorough and up-to-date knowledge of teaching best practices and educational guidelines
 - Be willing to adapt teaching style to the school's pedagogy, curriculum, and policies & procedures
- Must be comfortable teaching students at various academic proficiency levels
- Have excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Be well-organized and committed to the goals and objectives of the school
- Be creative and energetic
- Have strong personal values and self-discipline
- Must be mentally and emotionally capable of dealing with children with maturity and empathy
- Have a demonstrated interest in social impact and the empowerment of women
- For security reasons, this position is **only open to women** candidates
- While international faculty may be considered, priority will be given to applicants from **Nicaragua**
- Must abide by the rules and procedures of the Vera Angelita Estate and conduct themselves with the highest level of personal and professional integrity at all times

Job Responsibilities:

- Prepare daily lesson plans and present them to supervisors for review in a timely manner
- Present classroom lessons, assignments and activities in an engaging manner while using audio/visual & computer technologies and other experiential / hands-on resources to facilitate learning
- Create and distribute educational content (notes, summaries, assignments, etc.) to students and faculty both physically and digitally using a learning management platform
- Assess and record student progress and provide grades and feedback to students, parents and supervisors both physically and digitally using a learning management platform
- Collaborate with fellow teachers, school administrators and other Vera Angelita Estate staff to create a high-quality learning environment rich in innovative, hands-on activities and opportunities
- Attend all curriculum planning sessions, as well as faculty and department meetings
- Plan and execute in-class and outdoor educational activities and events
- Display empathy towards students while seeking to understand and get to know each student personally
- Develop and enrich professional skills and knowledge by attending mandatory continuous education seminars, conferences, etc.

Compensation: Negotiable (*commensurate with experience*)

Benefits: All benefits will be assigned as proscribed under Nicaraguan employment law.