



Anticipated Opening

Academic Year 2023 - 2024

New Orleans Center for Creative Arts

Animation/Motion Media Instructor Position



Division or Department:	Media Arts Department
Level or Grade:	Secondary Education
Position or Type:	Temporary, Salaried Part Time: 80% of full-time/.8 FTE
Reports to:	Media Arts Chair
Salary:	Commensurate with experience
Anticipated Start Date:	August 3, 2023

General Description:

The ideal candidate is a media artist with a passion to educate high-school students in the principles and production of animation and motion media. They should have experience in project-based curricula in animation, motion graphics, and emerging technologies. Successful applicants will have a continuing commitment to innovation, integration, and adaptability of ever-evolving technologies.

Candidates will be expected to actively contribute to the pursuit of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Media Arts department. This includes a diversity of viewpoints, cultural backgrounds, and experiences/practices as well as a demonstrated track record of commitment to equity and inclusion.

As mentors to individual students, teachers must model integrity, fairness, flexibility, and high ethical standards. As leaders and colleagues, teachers must be able to demonstrate positive interactions and relationships with parents, faculty, administration, and staff. An enthusiasm for working in a dynamic, fast-paced environment that is characterized by continuous growth is critical.

Job Duties

- Sets course objectives, plans lessons, organizes, and teaches media arts as scheduled to enrolled high school-aged students.
- Teaches, supports, and facilitates all levels of media production from beginner to advanced including animation, motion graphics, game design, and overall technological integration with other art forms. In addition, teaches the history, theory, and aesthetics of media arts so that students learn to appreciate the art form, use it in all manners of collaboration and to make informed decisions in their work.
- Monitors student progress for improvement and awards grades following the established policies.
- Prepares and mentors students to enter media-related / film and /or audio festivals and contests.
- Attends NOCCA events, including evenings and weekends for student shows, Celebration Season and Audition Workshops.
- Mentors students and oversees student external activities, including field trips, writing letters of recommendation, and assisting with portfolio preparation.

- Collaborates with students, parents, and counselors to facilitate students' engagement and successful completion of the program, and preparation for life after NOCCA.

Qualifications

- Expert knowledge in animation and motion media software including but not limited to Dragonframe, Toonboom, Adobe Animate, Adobe After Effects, and other Adobe products,
- Possess an expansive approach to animation with a knowledge of the fundamentals of 2D and 3D animation, narrative storytelling, and the ability to creatively integrate traditional techniques with emerging technologies and platforms.
- Ability to teach 2D and 3D concepts, compositing, visual effects, motion graphics, and animation for interactive, mobile, and immersive environments.
- Familiarity with the history and critical theory of animation and current practices of animation within the context of media arts.
- Proficient in Stop-Motion animation
- Skills in Vector or hand-drawn illustration
- Knowledge of Concept Art and Visual Storytelling - Storyboard Abilities
- A personal and professional commitment to creating an atmosphere of quality instruction.
- A demonstrated history of working effectively with diverse individuals.
- Experience with interdisciplinary collaboration
- Ability to communicate well, both orally and in writing.
- Strong organizational skills and a commitment to excellence.
- Knowledge or experience utilizing technology and innovative pedagogy to deliver exceptional teaching and learning desired.
- Skills in Graphic Design and Communication a plus
- Film production knowledge a plus

Education:

- MFA preferred/College Degree in discipline with extensive experience, or equivalency in professional work.
- Three or more years of work experience in professional and/ or university/ secondary school media arts instruction

This is a position that includes all benefits afforded to Louisiana State employees including a choice of one of five Medical benefit plans with options of additional supplemental insurance plans. Instructors receive ample time off surrounding holidays and extended weekends when the school is closed for instruction. As a temporary position, this position does not qualify for participation in the Louisiana State Teachers' Retirement plan.

NOCCA is committed to an equitable and inclusive program and a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. Candidates from diverse backgrounds are therefore especially encouraged to apply.

Please submit letters of interest with resumé and contact information for three references. Review of applicants will begin on 06/01/2023. Position will remain open until filled.

Please use this [link](#) to apply or mail your submission to:

NOCCA MEDIA ARTS ANIMATOR

ATTN: Human Resources Department
2800 Chartres Street
New Orleans, LA 70117

NOCCA Vision

We believe in the transformative power of the arts. We aspire to create an educational community that nurtures and challenges young people to become more curious, kind, empathetic, engaged, and willing to grapple with complex problems in order to create a just, sustainable, and joyful world.

NOCCA Mission

NOCCA's mission is to provide a world-class, pre-professional arts education for every young person in Louisiana with the curiosity, creativity, talent and motivation to pursue a life in the arts as they realize the best possible versions of themselves and their futures.

NOCCA Equity Definition:

- *Equity is fairness in action for all:*
- *Equity is valuing diversity and fairness through actions, systems, and policies. Equity is more than intention. It seeks to undo systemic injustices.*
- *Equity means that everyone is offered what they individually need in order to succeed. Equity does not mean everyone receives the same things in the same way.*
- *Equity within NOCCA means that each member of the community feels safe, supported, and respected.*