



ArtsConnection is expanding its roster and seeks a dynamic, engaging **Film Instructor** for the **Teen Reviewers and Critics Program (TRAC)**. TRaC is a 10-session arts criticism course for high school students offered weekly during the Fall and Spring. Approximately 90 teens from NYC and NJ, with diverse economic and cultural backgrounds, attend five performances around New York City and learn to engage critically with the work by writing and peer-editing reviews. Teens can apply to one of six sections (dance, theater, music, visual arts, film and multi-arts), each of which is limited to 15 participants. In addition to writing instruction, each course is designed to expand the participants' literacy of the art form. As our mission is to provide equal access all teens, the TRaC program is FREE for all participants.

Our Work

ArtsConnection is one of New York City's most comprehensive arts education organizations. For 36 years, ArtsConnection has made a profound difference in the lives of the City's children by providing nationally recognized programming in the performing, visual, literary, and media arts to the New York City K-12 Public Schools in the five boroughs of New York.

ArtsConnection's out-of-school time programs provide young people with various art going and art making opportunities that challenge them intellectually and socially, helping them to develop greater college and career readiness skills, extending their experience beyond the classroom. ArtsConnection Teen Programs attracts 20,000 young people each year through High 5 Tickets to the Arts, Teen Advisory Council, Teen Reviewers and Critics, Student Art Program, Pizza and a Movie, and internships.

For more information about ArtsConnection Teen Programs, please visit our website: teens.artsconnection.org.

Responsibilities

- Prepare curriculum and teach 10 weekly two-hour session in both Fall and Spring semesters, in addition to escorting teens to five film screenings at New York Live Arts and other theaters throughout the term;
- Engage teens in discussion and writing about film that encourage them to exercise critical thinking, articulate their individual perspectives with confidence, respect the opinions of others, and complete final projects that offer critical responses to film;
- Engage in ongoing reflection and assessment of their teaching practices and participant work to enhance teens' learning experiences;
- Share unique artistic perspectives with teen participants and help them to experience the joy of learning in and through the arts;
- Guide teens participants in organizing two Pizza and a Movie events, in collaboration with the Teen Programs Assistant;
- Report to Teen Reviewers and Critics Program Manager.

Qualifications

- Experience developing lesson plans and sequential units of study to build age-appropriate arts literacy skills and understanding;
- Skills/training and professional experience in film and writing instruction;

- Teaching experience in a high school or teen after-school setting preferred;
- Willingness to travel with teens to all five boroughs;
- Ongoing commitment to strengthening teaching practice through feedback, professional development, inquiry, and collaboration;
- Demonstrated reliability and responsiveness to administration and learners.

How to Apply

Applications must be received no later than September 14th. Please go to our website: <http://artsconnection.org/apply/> and complete Teaching Artist Application with the following materials (in PDF):

- A cover letter explaining your approach to teaching teens how to view, interpret and write about film and/or the philosophy that informs your work.
- A résumé demonstrating your experience and training as a teaching artist.
- An outline of a ten-session residency for teens or high school students. Include the goals of the residency and the daily learning goals, activities, and screenings for each session, that support a final project for each student.

Compensation starts \$50 per hour of instruction, earning up to \$3300 per semester. TRaC Instructor contracts are renewed annually. No calls, please.