



ABOUT VERNER

For over 20 years, Verner Center for Early Learning has been a leader in more ways than one: our commitment to developing the youngest among us, our thorough support for families and communities, and our investment in the development of educators. Verner's centers provide a supportive, inclusive work environment, with a strong emphasis on one-on-one mentorship. Our vision is an early childhood education community where every individual thrives. Ideal applicants are open-minded and willing to work in a team based atmosphere. Fitting into our culture at Verner is just as important as being the most qualified applicant for the position. All Verner staff are also entitled to freshly prepared and complimentary lunches courtesy of our Rainbow in My Tummy nutrition program.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Verner Center for Early Learning is seeking applicants for a Kitchen Substitute role to occasionally help us feed our young students wholesome and yummy food. Based in east Asheville, Verner is the home of Rainbow In My Tummy®, a signature program committed to improving the quality of food served in early care settings. The Verner kitchen supports our two centers, serving 250 students and staff daily.

This position, in cooperation with the Nutrition Team, prepares and distributes healthy meals and snacks while maintaining a sanitary, orderly, and positive environment.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Have a passion for the well-being of young children and healthy foods.
- Be able to meet NC state licensure requirements including background check.
- Have food preparation and cooking experience, or a willingness to learn.
- Exhibit a courteous and professional demeanor.
- Be willing and able to join and participate in a fun and cooperative environment.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepping whole foods with efficiency and minimal waste.
- Portioning proper serving sizes using basic math.
- Routine cleaning of small commercial kitchen and equipment.
- Verbal communication skills contributing to ongoing quality enhancement.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The employee must routinely lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Work environment includes frequent exposure to heated cooking equipment, frozen items, wet floors and equipment, and hot or cold conditions. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand, lift, and walk. The employee uses hands and fingers to handle or feel objects, tools or controls, and talks and hears. The employee is occasionally required to sit, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, or crouch.

**** Scheduled hours may vary between 6 am and 5 pm; 7 am-3 pm is typical ****

Substitute hours vary, based on staffing needs. Substitutes are scheduled to cover for vacations, illness, and special event preparation.

To learn more about Verner and Rainbow In My Tummy®, please visit:

<https://www.vernerearlylearning.org/rainbow-in-my-tummy.html>

Please address specific questions about this position to Genie Gunn, Director of Food & Nutrition at ggunn@verneremail.org

Verner Center for Early Learning is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

In accordance with the Early Head Start mandate COVID-19 vaccination is required, with religious and medical exemptions accepted as required by law.

All Verner centers embrace DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging) as organizing principles to foster safe and inclusive workplaces.