



The HEAL Project  
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**Position:** Part-Time Farm Educator with The HEAL Project

### **Organization**

The HEAL Project (THP) runs unique, hands on, programming in school classrooms and on the San Mateo County School Farm, El Granada, CA. Our programming cultivates healthy lifestyle habits in students while inspiring environmental and agricultural awareness through a comprehensive, interactive curriculum.

### **Job summary**

This part-time position will be responsible for the following:

- Working with our Farm Programs Manager leading or co-leading farm field trips on an as needed basis throughout the school year. Field trips are primarily for elementary aged students with class sizes varying between 12-30 students. Position may grow as our programming grows. Location: San Mateo County School Farm. Total programming and planning time will vary from 5-10 hours/week.
- Co-leading our annual summer camps with the Farm Programs Manager. THP maintains a ratio of 1 adult leader to no more than 10 campers. Location: San Mateo County School Farm. Total programming and planning time will vary from 10-40 hours/week.
- Leading or co-leading a horticulture therapy group for adults with eating disorders once a week on Fridays. Leading this group does not require certification but does require an open and accepting disposition and a willingness to learn and explore the practice of horticulture therapy. Training will be provided. Location: San Mateo County School Farm. Total programming and planning time is 3 hours/week.

### **Primary responsibilities include but are not limited to:**

- Deliver nutrition education and agricultural instruction following THP curriculum, obtain and prepare materials, and foster a professional, pleasant, and safe learning environment for students and program participants.
- Lead students in seasonal cooking activities and provides cooking demonstrations.
- Lead students in farming and gardening activities including planting, weeding, harvesting and composting.
- Lead adults in therapeutic activities utilizing the farm and surrounding natural areas for programming.
- Participate in THP staff meetings and trainings.

- Actively contribute to social media and write updates for school and organizational newsletters as assigned.
- Available for occasional Saturday work staffing special events, leading volunteer groups or filling in at the THP farmers' market booth.
- Work with Farm Team to manage and maintain the outdoor kitchen and classroom areas as sanitary and functional educational spaces.
- Assist the Farm Manager in occasional farm labor tasks: maintaining irrigation, composting, planting, harvesting, weed management, and other duties assigned by the Farm Manager.
- Conduct other duties as assigned by the Farm Manager or Programs Manager.

**Preferred experience and qualities:**

- Experience leading children, youth and adults in outdoor setting, understanding of farming and/or gardening and the ability to communicate these concepts in a fun and engaging way to diverse age groups and/or diverse backgrounds.
- Classroom management/group management skills
- Knowledge of sustainable agriculture practices and science topics
- Comfort and confidence working independently
- Creativity, flexibility, and willingness to learn and share ideas
- Fluency in Spanish

**Additionally the Part-Time Farm Educator:**

- Will maintain responsible behavior; work both independently and as part of a team; comply with organizational tenets as outlined in The HEAL Project Employee handbook
- Will utilize interpersonal & communication skills; computer skills to maintain routine communication, etc.
- Will utilize own vehicle to get to different sites; provide proof of CA drivers license & insurance
- Will maintain a valid CA driver's license and be comfortable driving a Ford-350 van
- Will perform physical tasks related to garden maintenance; able to lift 40 lbs
- Will submit to fingerprinting & DOJ background check to work with children

**Start date:**

**Reports to:** Farm Programs Manager and Farm Manager

**Supervises:** Students, interns and volunteers

**Position type:** Part time. Working hours will vary

**Compensation:** \$15 - \$17/hr DOE

**Application Instructions**

Email brief cover letter and resume to [jobs@thehealproject.org](mailto:jobs@thehealproject.org) no later than 5pm on Monday, February 27th

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