



Position: AmeriCorps Teaching Fellow

Full-Time (7:30 am- 5:15 pm); some evenings and weekends required

Grace Academy, a tuition-free school for low-income middle school girls from Hartford, seeks a teacher who would join us as an AmeriCorps Teaching Fellow. Grace Academy replicates the *NativityMiguel* middle school model with its proven record of educating middle school students from urban communities. There are over 70 Nativity model schools in cities across the U.S. These schools have helped thousands of students break the cycle of poverty through their comprehensive educational philosophy that includes:

- extended day program
- intentionally small class size (15 students per grade) with a 6:1 faculty ratio
- intensive academics
- strong culture of community grounded in spiritual formation
- parent(s)/guardian(s) involvement
- community involvement
- summer school with continued instruction and character development
- post-graduate support through high school and into college

Teaching Fellow Job Description:

This is a full-time middle school teaching position for applicants dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty through education. We depend on teaching fellows as teachers, coaches, student advisors, and school leaders. Teaching fellows take on a course-load of two to four academic classes a day. They teach subject areas that reflect their academic strengths and interests. The Teaching Fellows participate in all aspects of the extended school day. They teach, coach sports and take on supervisory administrative roles. They embrace a great deal of responsibility and witness amazing growth through this challenging and inspiring experience. Teacher training and support is provided, and while a background in education is preferred, no prior teaching experience is required.

A Grace Academy Fellow lives in community, works from 7:30 AM to 5:15 PM, attends monthly Saturday field trips, and teaches in the summer. We provide subsidized housing (Temple Street Apartments), a modest monthly stipend through the AmeriCorps program of \$1,272 per month and a Federal Education Grant of \$6,095 annually. In addition, Grace Academy teaching fellows are eligible for discounted Masters courses at the University of St. Joseph following the first year of teaching at Grace. More about our model can be found at www.GraceAcademyHartford.org.