



# Columbus Academy

## Lower School Aquatics Instructor

**The School:** Founded in 1911, Columbus Academy is a coeducational college preparatory day school of over 1,100 students age 3 through grade 12 located on a 231-acre campus in Gahanna, Ohio. Student programs are organized into three divisions: Lower School (Age 3-Grade 5), Middle School (Grades 6-8) and Upper School (Grades 9-12). The school offers a vigorous academic program as part of its mission to educate the whole child – mind, body and character. Columbus Academy faculty and staff members are expected to be continuous learners in their fields, to engage in caring and cooperative partnerships with colleagues and parents, to have a demonstrated commitment to the values of equity and inclusion, and to help each student reach his or her full potential.

**The Position:** Columbus Academy seeks a Lower School Aquatics Instructor who will also coach the middle school or upper school swim team with responsibilities to begin July 1, 2021.

**Qualifications** (preferred candidates will possess the following qualifications):

- Water Safety Instructor (WSI) and LifeGuard (LG) certified
- Qualified and able to effectively teach swimming skills to children ages 3-12
- Understand and value the developmental stages of young children and possess the ability to reach them in the swimming environment
- Able to safely handle groups of students in the water, on the pool deck and in the locker room and hallways
- Provide a safe friendly environment for all students both in and around the water as well as in the locker rooms and hallways
- Agree and abide by all Columbus Academy policies and regulations
- A reflective practitioner, committed to a continuous process of self-improvement and lifelong learning
- Ability to collaborate with others and to creatively solve problems
- Enthusiasm, a positive sense of humor, self-confidence, and effective oral and written communication skills

**Position Expectations** (the individual selected to this position will be expected to carry out the following responsibilities):

- Transport children from their classrooms to the swimming pool before class as well as back to their classroom after swimming class
- Lead and supervise children in the locker room areas in addition to overseeing students as they move to and from the pool/classroom
- Teach swimming and safety skills to groups of children
- Act as a lifeguard as children are swimming
- Hold students accountable for the school's standards of behavior
- Work with others in the school community to support each student's emotional well-being

**Physical Conditions** (candidates must be able to manage the following conditions):

- Entering and exiting our pool
- Swim a distance of 300 yards and tread water for five minutes
- Able to teach swimming from both in the water as well as on the pool deck
- A non-smoking environment

**Legal Requirements:** All Columbus Academy employees must pass required criminal records checks. Where appropriate, individuals will also be required to provide proof of academic credentials.

**To Apply:** Interested candidates should send cover letter, resume and supporting materials to: Head of School, Columbus Academy, 4300 Cherry Bottom Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, or [headofschool@columbusacademy.org](mailto:headofschool@columbusacademy.org).

Columbus Academy believes strongly in the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion. We seek to identify and hire a greater number of faculty of color to serve as role models for all students. We strive to foster a diverse campus community, which recognizes the value of all persons regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability or socioeconomic background.