

National Ski Academy Residence Don Job Posting



The National Ski Academy (NSA) is a non-profit registered charity established in 1986 to provide an environment for student-athletes to maximize individual potential through the pursuit of alpine ski racing excellence, academic achievement and personal growth.

Our home at 200 Oak Street in Collingwood, Ontario provides the facilities necessary for Canadian and international alpine student-athletes to pursue their ski racing dreams. The renovated 12,000 square foot *Tornavene* mansion offers classrooms, study hall, a gymnasium and weight room, tuning room, boarding for up to 35 student-athletes and a kitchen with a full-time chef.

In addition to elite ski racing programs, the NSA prides itself on its comprehensive academic programs and “education that travels”. We are a Ministry-inspected private school offering courses at the Academic/University level for grades nine through twelve.

For the 2018-2019 academic year, we are seeking organized, flexible, responsible, mature and qualified Residence Dons for our student-athletes who live on campus at the Academy. With strong communication skills and proven ability and experience to build a caring rapport with teenagers/adolescents, the successful candidates will be essential members of the NSA faculty and to school life. The role is designed for individuals who support student-athlete social and emotional well-being, provide academic support through the supervision of evening study hall, teach secondary school courses each quarter, and plan and execute programming which connects student-athletes with one another, and the community of Collingwood.

Reporting to the Head of School, the Residence Don will:

- Ensure the health, safety and welfare of all NSA student-athletes
- Ensure each student-athlete is thriving academically, athletically and socio-emotionally by leading a vibrant residence life program; this includes updating daily logs and reports, executing various safety, social and attendance rounds as assigned, supervising meals, assisting with evening study program, administration of basic first aid and occasionally escorting a student-athlete to medical clinics/hospital
- Supervise evening study hall and teach 4 courses throughout the year (our academic year is divided into 4 academic quads, rather than a traditional semestered system)
- Assist with student-athlete emergencies; act as a vital liaison between student-athletes and faculty including: the chef, maintenance personal, other teachers, coaches and the Head of School
- Intervene in situations where the safety and well-being of the student-athlete(s) is compromised
- Adhere to the policies and procedures contained in the NSA Family Handbook and NSA Staff Handbook
- Remain flexible and undertake any other responsibilities, in a variety of circumstances, as may reasonably be required by the Head of School

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The successful candidate must have:

- Ontario Teachers' Certificate or equivalent with basic qualifications in the Intermediate/Senior division level
- Strong interpersonal communication, verbal and written skills; detail-oriented office management skills
- Ability to promote critical thinking, build confidence, act as a role model, and demonstrate a positive wellness lifestyle including healthy active living
- Demonstrated ability to differentiate instruction for a variety of learning preferences and ability to address the essential skills needs of a 21st century learner
- Have or obtain a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Police clearance
- Experience with risk management practices and a calm, caring demeanor
- Class G drivers licence; Class F would be considered an asset
- Competency with Microsoft 365, including OneNote and Outlook; familiarity with myBlueprint and REACH Boarding App would be considered an asset
- Current Standard First Aid and CPR Level C certificates (or ability to obtain prior to contract start date)
- Safe Food Handling certificate (or ability to obtain prior to contract start date)
- Fluency in French or Spanish or German would be considered an asset
- Available to live full-time at the NSA from early October until the end of June

If you are interested in this position, and are comfortable working in a non-traditional academic environment, please forward your resume, copy of certificate of qualifications and cover letter to twalsh@nsa.on.ca. *Apply without delay* as we will review applications as they are received, and may bring the search process to a close early if outstanding applicants have been identified.

Your application matters to us and we will review it carefully. The NSA is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable and accessible environment where everyone feels valued, respected and supported. While all applicants are thanked for their interest only those chosen for interviews will be contacted.