



What is the Silicon Valley HealthCorps?

In an innovative partnership, The Health Trust has joined together with AmeriCorps and nine local organizations to form the Silicon Valley HealthCorps. The goal of this collaboration is to use gardens, farm to school programs and the work of AmeriCorps members to bring fresh fruits, vegetables and education to residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. The program seeks to engage the community as active participants in promoting and sustaining community and school gardens, and to provide a coordinated, county-wide approach to expanding garden based learning. The program will also increase access to fresh produce through the development of new healthy food resources such as community and school gardens, farmers markets, and community supported agriculture programs.

What is The HEAL Project?

The HEAL Project (THP) is an award-winning, children’s health education program based in scenic Half Moon Bay, 20 minutes south of San Francisco. Our acronym, **Health, Environment, Agriculture, Learning** embodies the essential concepts of our dynamic curriculum. THP delivers a majority of its programming to students in grades 2-12 at several campus locations in the Cabrillo Unified School District through its daily HEAL classes, Noontime Sports & Games, Garden Clubs, and Summer Class activities. THP engages parents and community by presenting and participating in workshop, volunteer, school, and guest presentation opportunities and events. As the first elementary school in the state of CA to earn a *Certified Producer* license, THP has brought together students, parents and community, promoting appreciation for a local food system through its classes, produce sales and student participation in the local Farmer’s Market. The HEAL Project is a non-profit organization.

Position Title:	HEAL Instructor
Position Status:	Quarter Time (1 Position)
Position Location:	Half Moon Bay, CA
Service Position Summary:	This Member will support program instruction, utilizing HEAL’s internal curriculum to introduce concepts of nutrition, healthy lifestyle, plant/agricultural science, environmental stewardship, and community through garden-based and classroom lesson activity as Instructor to mostly grade levels 2-5, but may also include some 6-12.
Position Specific Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will participate in maintenance & development of garden & outdoor education stations ○ May lead or serve as Advisor to weekly 4th/5th grade Garden Club ○ Will utilize HEAL’s tracking/documentation systems ○ May participate in HEAL Program school & community events; work with & help to recruit parent and community volunteers ○ May participate in curricular or staff training & development
Required Qualifications:	Applicant must be at least 17 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent, and be a citizen of the United States, or a lawful permanent resident. Applicants must also submit to and clear a background check.
Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsible individual with an interest/experience working with children in outdoor education setting ○ Garden or agricultural interest/experience; an interest or background experience in health, nutrition, food systems, community, or environmental education a plus ○ Proficiency, written & spoken, in English; Spanish language skill a plus. ○ Competence in basic computer/internet use ○ Some college preferred ○ Must have personal transportation for travel between school sites ○ Able to perform routine garden tasks; lift 25lbs
Commitment Required:	This is a 9 month position requiring a minimum of 450 hours. The position begins on October 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2012.

Training:	A minimum number of training hours are required. Trainings topics will include sustainable farming techniques, food security, school garden education, composting, nutrition, and more.
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Living allowance stipend in the amount of \$4,000 (distributed bi-weekly)○ Post-Service Education Award of \$1,510

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