



Teacher of Health (Leave Coverage)

Status: Temporary, Exempt

Reports To: Head of Upper School

Position Start Date: December 2026

Pacific Ridge School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school in Carlsbad, California with approximately 640 students in grades six through twelve. PRS is recognized in the San Diego region for its commitment to student-centered, Harkness instruction in every classroom, and its Global Education Program that sends students in every grade around the country and world each year. Ours is a community of care where students are challenged to think deeply, understand and engage with diverse perspectives, and apply their knowledge to relevant questions and problems.

Position

We seek a temporary teacher of Health, beginning in December 2026 and extending at least through the end of May 2027. This position will teach three sections in the upper school, and two sections in the middle school. Ideal candidates will have experience teaching at the middle- and upper-school levels. In recruiting new members of our faculty, we look for educators who:

- Share our commitment to designing and facilitating student-centered experiences at the Harkness table
- Have an abiding interest in and commitment to professional development around issues of student health, wellness, and identity
- Develop and implement instructional and assessment strategies that deepen learning
- Know students as individuals and actively cultivate an inclusive learning environment that honors diverse identities, experiences, expressions, and perspectives
- Believe in the ability of all students to learn deeply and make a priority of responding to their needs
- Thrive in collaborative settings and pursue opportunities to learn with and from colleagues
- Engage in reflection around their teaching practice and commit to ongoing professional learning and growth
- Demonstrate cultural competence and commit to inclusivity in their classroom, curriculum, and the larger school community
- View health teaching as comprehensive and holistic, and possesses pedagogical content knowledge in the following areas: gender and sexuality, adolescent sexual health, mental health, substance use, nutrition, and body image
- Enjoy designing curriculum as part of a teaching team

Responsibilities

- Teach three sections of upper school Health and two sections (Skills classes) of middle school Health
- Collaborate with middle school teachers and leadership to deliver a cohesive Health program for middle school students, playing a leading role in curricular coordination
- Support programming geared towards student health and wellness across all grade levels in coordination with the Student Support Team and middle and upper school leadership
- Work closely with the Director of Community and Inclusion and student leaders of affinity and alliance spaces to ensure that Health classes and school-wide programming are inclusive and responsive to issues of equity and diversity
- Contribute to the co-curricular program by leading an advisory, club, service learning group, and/or alliance/affinity group as assigned
- Other responsibilities include chaperoning on-campus events, attending faculty meetings, and participating in student-led conferences

Salary and Benefits

- Compensation for this temporary position is pro-rated based on the school's full-year salary schedule. The estimated pay range for the coverage period of December 2026 to May 2027 is \$41,117 - \$78,492.
- Pacific Ridge School offers paid sick leave and free, daily catered lunch.

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced degree in a related field (bachelor's degree required; master's preferred)
- Minimum of three years of teaching experience at the secondary level

Non-Discrimination

- Pacific Ridge School provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.