

Dear Colleagues:

The 2016 workshop, as you may know, is host to a Teacher Certification Workshop. To that end, this year the **Academic and Pedagogic Specialist** is a position available to qualified Certified Teachers, Fight Directors and Fight Masters. Please look at the details below for more information.

The Academic and Pedagogic Specialist was a post originally first implemented in the 2004 Teacher Training Workshop. In that workshop, it was decided that the teacher candidates should be observed and evaluated on actual in-class stage combat teaching, a component significantly under-represented in previous TTWs. The student would have the additional responsibility of creating a curriculum, and instructing the students in said curriculum. The goal was to provide more training and evaluation opportunities for the candidates and staff to better determine the candidates' abilities as a certified instructor.

To that end, it was determined that a post needed to be created that would assist in the teaching of pedagogy for the (then) Teacher Training Workshop. This post would have a specific area of expertise in pedagogical instruction, with responsibilities appropriate to that expertise. They would also serve as an observer of the candidates' teaching (in addition to the TCW FMs), and would finally serve as to document the processes of the TCW, collect all notes, and submit a report to the SAFD so that future TCW coordinators may use it to continue to monitor the excellence of the workshop.

### **The Position:**

The Academic and Pedagogical Specialist:

- Is an experienced CT, CT/FD or FM who meets the criteria and application requirements listed below.
- Holds an advanced degree in theatre arts, education or pedagogy
- Has practical experience at the university level
- Is familiar with the workings of academic institutions and current educational philosophies

The Academic and Pedagogic Specialist is a senior CT or FD/CT (FD/CT preferred), with a depth of knowledge of not only stage combat, but the workings of academic institutions and current educational philosophies, and the ability to teach. Applicant should have practical experience at the university level, and be prepared to teach TCW candidates pedagogy and how to navigate within the academic environment. CTs and FDs who have not attended the NSCW in recent history are encouraged to apply.

### **Compensation:**

The Academic and Pedagogical Specialist shall receive salary compensation, per diem, housing and travel reimbursement. The exact figures will be determined by enrollment.

### **Job Description:**

The Academic and Pedagogical Specialist will be assigned the following tasks:

- Assist in the TCW as needed.
- Teach master classes or a series of classes in pedagogy and academia
- Observe candidates as they instruct other students and provide them with constructive critiques.
- Document the TCW and its processes, take notes on classes, and submit a report to the TCW Coordinator to be incorporated into the final report given to the Governing Body.
- Other tasks as assigned by the NSCW Coordinator or the TCW Coordinator.

## **Selection Procedures:**

- The Academic and Pedagogical Specialist shall be a CT, CT/FD or FM who meets the criteria and application requirements listed below.
- The post shall be chosen from all qualified applicants who apply as follows below.
- The TCW teaching staff (that is, the TCW coordinator and the second TCW FM) shall choose the candidate that is most qualified and would serve the workshop best, with counsel from at least the SAFD President and the NSCW coordinator.
- The Academic and Pedagogical Specialist shall not be selected to serve in consecutive Teacher Certification Workshops.

## **Application Criteria:**

An applicant for the Academic and Pedagogic Specialist Position must submit a CV or Stage Combat Resume that includes teaching and choreography experience, as well as a letter of intent which outlines:

- Previous NSCW experience
- Any previous Regional Workshop experience
- Applicant holds a Graduate Degree in the performing arts
- Contact information
- If you have a car that you would be willing to use for SAFD business/transportation (will receive compensation for fuel). \*Please note that this will have no impact on your selection, but is for informational purposes only.

Please APPLY ONLINE at the location for all NSCW Staff applicants at <http://www.safd.org/train/national-stage-combat-workshops/2016-nscw-staff-applications/> and be certain to indicate your interest as noted in the Application Criteria above in your letter of intent.

You may apply for both the Academic and Pedagogy Specialist position and a Teaching Assistant position in the same year, but will be selected to hold only one post for that year.

## **Deadlines:**

Applications must be received by March 1, 2016.

Decisions shall be made by April 10, 2016.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance/denial by April 15, 2016.

Applicants must accept the position no later than April 30, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [nscwcoordinator@safd.org](mailto:nscwcoordinator@safd.org). I hope you will considering applying for the workshop this year, either in this capacity or as a teaching assistant. This year promises to be an exciting and inspiring workshop for all. I sincerely hope you will join us this summer.

All Best,

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