

Homeschooling Consultant

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Teaching your own children is as challenging as it is rewarding. Homeschool programs provide much of the planning, support and materials parents require to be good teachers. However for many this simply isn't enough. A homeschool consultant fills this gap by helping parents setup the school curriculum, create a lesson plans for the year and advise on any other related matters. If you're interested in a work at home career in education this could be the job for you.

Before The Start-Up, Let's Not Get Ahead Of Ourselves

Before getting started as homeschooling consultant you'll need to have a teaching certificate or a related degree in education. The specific requirements will differ from country to country. Communication, planning and organization are the most important characteristics you'll need to succeed in this business.

The Start-Up

As with many consultancy jobs the start-up costs here are very low. To get started you'll need to prepare an office space at your home with basic equipment such a desk, chair, computer, printer, phone and internet connection. While you're on the road you'll need reliable transport, a cell phone and perhaps textbook catalogues to show your clients.

Do research on the Internet before deciding on your pricing structure. Most consultants charge an hourly rate of between \$25 - \$45 (USD).

Making It Work

If you enjoy working in education but want the freedom of a work at home consultancy job; this is for you. Being a successful homeschool consultant will depend on your ability to quickly assess the needs of parents and children alike.

Although most consultants charge by the hour, there is always the potential for more stable contract work. Consider creating a contract option for parents who require your services on a regular basis.

Marketing

Build your business network by creating relationships with schools, books shops and other related businesses in your area. Advertise your services in local newspaper classifieds, the Yellow Pages (if you have the budget) and on school notice boards.

Don't Forget

In some countries you might be affiliated with an education association program in order to qualify for this job. Depending on where you live you might be required to join an education association program in order to qualify for this job.