



Assistant Professor of Education, Montessori Program

BACKGROUND:

Saint Mary's College invites applications and nominations for a tenure track Assistant Professor of Education in the Montessori Program in the College's Kalmanovitz School of Education beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year. Saint Mary's College of California is a private, comprehensive and coeducational institution that engages students in rigorous critical thinking, promotes social justice, and educates the whole person. Recognized among just forty exceptional institutions in *Colleges That Change Lives*—and the first Catholic and first California college to be included—Saint Mary's is praised for its challenging and supportive learning community. The De La Salle Christian Brothers, the largest teaching order of the Roman Catholic Church, guide the spiritual and academic character of the College. Located on a stunning 420-acre campus in the Moraga Hills outside of San Francisco, Saint Mary's is known for its rigorous liberal arts education and high quality graduate programs, including business, education and leadership. Saint Mary's currently enrolls more than 4,000 highly diverse students, reflecting the College's commitment to the educational benefits of inclusion. The work is collegial in a highly collaborative and culturally diverse campus environment. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the mission of the College, which is informed, animated, and expressed through its Catholic, Lasallian, and Liberal Arts traditions.

The Kalmanovitz School of Education is a student-centered learning community that inspires innovation in education, counseling, and leadership. Through the practice of shared inquiry, active and collaborative learning, and learning through service to society, we empower our students to deliver excellence and lead change according to the principles of social justice. The school is known for partnerships emphasizing community engagement, action research, and community-based research, and it is developing demonstrable strength in environmental literacy, Lasallian education, and

urban education.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Department of Teacher Education is seeking a tenure track assistant professor specializing in Montessori Education. We are seeking an enthusiastic individual committed to promoting just, equitable, and inclusive education to teach and advise Montessori credential candidates as well as students pursuing a Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education (specialization in Supervision and Leadership).

The Montessori and Early Childhood Education programs offer courses year-round, with a 15 week fall semester, 5 week January Term, 15 week spring semester, and a 6-8 week summer term. Full-time faculty members may teach courses both during the traditional 9-month academic year and during the summer term. To meet the needs of our students, classes are offered on-site at a Montessori school in Berkeley, and meet both weekdays and Saturdays.

All members of the faculty are expected to engage in scholarly activity, advise students, assist with program development, and provide service to College and school-level committees. The successful candidate is expected to contribute to the mission of the College and school.

- Teach courses leading to a Montessori elementary credential, including upper and lower elementary classes
- Teach the undergraduate seminar in Montessori education.
- Observe Montessori credential candidates in the field.
- Teach master's courses as needed.
- Advise credential and master's students.
- Serve as chair and/or reader for master's theses.
- Assist with administration of the credential and master's programs, including recruiting students and assessment of candidates.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Earned doctorate in Education or a related field is required, with expertise in Montessori education.
- Three years of experience teaching Montessori education (beyond student teaching) at the elementary level is required. Experience at both the lower elementary and upper elementary levels is preferred.
- Experience teaching in a Montessori credential program is preferred.
- Experience supervising or mentoring Montessori credential students is preferred.
- Ability to teach, advise and mentor a culturally and educationally diverse student

body.

- Appreciation of and deep respect for the learning/teaching environment and for the students, staff, and faculty who comprise it and the willingness to become a stakeholder in the Lasallian commitment to that environment.
- Demonstrated commitment and success working in a diverse and multicultural community.

Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2016, or until the position is filled.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Application Instructions: Please apply on-line at <http://jobs.stmarys-ca.edu>.

1) Include a cover letter that specifically addresses how you meet the qualifications of the position and are prepared to support the mission of the College.

2) Please submit a CV, along with a summary of teaching philosophy.

In applying for a position, candidates sign a consent authorizing a broader inquiry which may include reference checks, a motor vehicle check, and a third party background check.

Saint Mary's is an equal employment opportunity employer. We support inclusive excellence and are committed to creating a safe and welcoming community for all.

College policy prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, medical condition, physical or mental disability, gender stereotyping, gender identity, taking a protected leave (e.g. family medical or pregnancy leave), or on any other basis protected by applicable laws.

Saint Mary's College annually collects information about campus crimes and other reportable incidents in accordance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. To view the Saint Mary's College Report, please go to the Public Safety website at <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/public-safety/annual-security-and-fire-safety-report-0>. To request a paper copy please call Public Safety at (925) 631-4284. The report includes the type of crime, venue, and number of occurrences.