



Faculty Position Job Description

Position Title: Full-time Faculty Position in Special Education (possibility of combining with Program Director appointment)

Position Tracking Number: F346

School/College: School of Education

Department: Teacher Education, Special Education

Location: Azusa

Description:

This is a fulltime faculty position in the Special Education programs within the Department of Teacher Education. Credential programs in mild-to-moderate, moderate-to-severe, and masters' in special education are offered. The Department of Teacher Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE – transitioning to CAEP) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In addition, all programs are accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

Specialization:

Mild-to-moderate or moderate-to-severe credential, educational foundations, and methodology for students with special needs.

Responsibilities:

Duties included teaching educational foundations, methodology, assessment, and diversity courses, as well as supervision of students during their field experiences and clinical practice in mild to moderate and/or moderate to severe placements. Additional responsibilities include providing support for faith integration across the curriculum, having an on-going professional research agenda, and active participation in service to the University through committee participation at the program, School and/or University level as well as service to the broader professional community. The ability to teach in a variety of instructional environments including: online, face-to-face, and hybrid formats is required. Active participation in the California Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) at the program, School, and professional community levels is required. Must maintain ongoing connection and collaboration with the California Council for Teacher Education (CCTE) and other relevant professional education organizations.

If being considered for program director: the candidate must have prior fulltime higher education teaching experience in a similar program. The program director will be responsible for recruiting and admissions, curricular updates and alignment with accreditation standards, course scheduling, and student advising. The teaching load is reduced to accommodate units reassigned for administrative duties.

Level: Rank commensurate with qualifications

Qualifications:

- A demonstrated, vibrant Christian faith compatible with the mission of Azusa Pacific University (Faculty members are required to sign a "Statement of Faith," available at <http://www.apu.edu/about/believe>, and to adhere to the policies outlined in the Faculty Handbook)
- Educational Specialist credential (mild-to-moderate or moderate-to-severe) from any US state is required

- Ph.D. or Ed.D. in education. A practitioner with 15+ years related K-12 experience, but without a doctorate can be considered.
- Demonstrated commitment to professional and scholarly activity (e.g., grant writing, scholarly publications, and conference presentations)
- An established record of success in serving linguistically and ethnically diverse populations
- Demonstration of collegial teamwork, desire to collaborate with colleagues and contribute to the Department of Teacher Education
- Experience with assistive technology tools and instructional strategies
- Willingness to travel to APU Regional Campuses and Azusa as needed

Experience:

- Teaching experience serving K-12 students in cross-cultural, special education settings
- Successful graduate level teaching experience in online or blended environments
- Experience in mentoring-supervision of candidates in multicultural settings

Workload:

Fulltime faculty, 11-month, one-year renewable contract (program director contract would be 12-month). The typical teaching assignment includes teaching, scholarly activity, service, clinical supervision, and campus committee assignments.

Mental Demands:

- Ability to integrate Christian values in all aspects
- Ability to engage in critical thinking and exercise independent judgment
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and manage confidential information
- Self starter, ability to communicate effectively in written and oral form

Hire Date: Search begins immediately. Start date is August 2016 (Option for program director to begin July 2016).

Additional Information:

At Azusa Pacific University we value and uphold God-honoring diversity. Diversity was not our idea, but God's. Therefore, we aim for an environment that respects and honors each individual's uniqueness while celebrating our collective commonalities. It is in this spirit that we continue important discourse on diversity, engage a variety of perspectives, and embrace active listening in a spirit of humility. We continue our efforts to recruit, hire, and support a diverse community in an effort to create a milieu that reflects the mosaic of God's kingdom.

Azusa Pacific University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or status as a veteran in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Azusa Pacific University conducts background checks on all final candidates.

Application Procedure: To apply, visit <http://www.apu.edu/cp/employment/>. Review of applications will begin immediately, and the position will remain open until filled.