

Saint Louis University School of Education Visiting Assistant Professor (or Visiting Instructor) in Teacher Education/Special Education

The School of Education at Saint Louis University invites applications for a **Visiting Assistant Professor (or Visiting Instructor)** in Teacher Education/Special Education, with a focus on educating future teachers to work in urban schools in the St. Louis region. The new faculty member will have an appointment in the School of Education, starting in mid-August 2022. This is a full-time, 9-month appointment, with the possibility of teaching summer courses for additional compensation.

Position Summary: Faculty in the School of Education at Saint Louis University are seeking a colleague to join a core of faculty members focused on the BA in Education program. Our faculty work with pre-service teachers in various subject areas who will ultimately educate students from early childhood to the secondary level. The successful candidate will have an opportunity to work with colleagues to implement a redesigned curriculum. The faculty are in the middle of a multiyear process of redesigning our undergraduate curriculum to focus on graduating equity-minded teachers certified in special education (grades K-12). This new curriculum will begin implementation by Fall 2022.

Priority will be given to candidates with a record of teaching courses related to K-12 Special Education, experience advocating for inclusion, case management of IEP meetings and implementation of adaptations and modifications to support student learning across K-12 settings. The successful candidate will collaborate with faculty and students across the entire School of Education and may have an opportunity to teach courses to students in our graduate programs as needed.

Responsibilities: Our new colleague will have the opportunity to:

- Teach multiple classes to undergraduate students in the School of Education. These might include courses that are part of our redesigned curriculum, and/or older courses taught to upper-level students.
- Work with colleagues to support the undergraduate Education and minor in Special Education program.
- Actively recruit and supervise undergraduate students, and support strategic initiatives in the School of Education and the St. Louis community.

Qualifications and Experience: Candidates must have an earned doctorate in Teacher Education; preference will be given to candidates with degrees related to Special Education and those with teacher certification in special education (K-12). Candidates will have strong potential, or an established record, of excellent university teaching and student mentorship. Preference will be given to candidates with a proven commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Context: <u>Saint Louis University</u> (SLU), established 1818, is the oldest institution of higher education west of the Mississippi River and is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students. SLU's 230-acre urban campus is in midtown Saint Louis, providing students, faculty, and staff a close-knit community in the middle of a lively city. The Saint Louis metro region is home to nearly 3 million people and provides a mix of midwestern friendliness and large-city amenities.

The <u>School of Education</u> (SOE) shares in the 470-year-old Jesuit tradition of excellence in education focusing on the growth of the whole person. The purpose of Jesuit education is to develop women and men for and with others. Saint Louis University, and the School of Education, is committed to intellectual rigor and the use of knowledge for the betterment of our local, national, and international communities. The School is recognized as a leader in the state and reg ion. More than 30 percent of the public-school superintendents in Missouri and approximately 40 percent of all Catholic school leaders in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis hold degrees from SLU.

As a Jesuit institution, SLU is committed to <u>inclusivity and anti-racism</u>. In a letter to SLU Alumni in June 2020, President Fred Pestello wrote, "We are all called to do better – to be better. Racism has no place at Saint Louis University. Our Jesuit mission calls us to be people for and with others, and as I have said before, solidarity and community mean that we never have to face such evil alone." The School of Education at SLU has a unique opportunity to carry out our Jesuit mission every day. The faculty in the SOE are training and educating the next generation of leaders who work collaboratively to identify and dismantle systems that perpetuate inequities and injustice.

Salary and Starting Date: Salary will be competitive and commensurate with rank and experience. The proposed starting date is mid-August 2022.

Application Process: Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and names of three references with full contact information. All applications should be submitted online at Saint Louis University <u>Careers website</u>. For full consideration, all applications should be submitted by <u>March 1, 2022</u>, at which time the search committee will begin the review of applications. This search will remain open until filled.

Saint Louis University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified candidates will receive consideration for the position applied for without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, military/veteran status, gender identity, or other non-merit factors. We welcome and encourage applications from minorities, women, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities (including disabled veterans). If accommodations are needed for completing the application and/or with the interviewing process, please contact Human Resources at 314-977-5847.