Assistant Professor of Science Education
Search #67542
College of Education, Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education

The Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education in the College of Education invites applications and nominations for the position of Assistant Professor of Science Education.

In January 2017, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University. The new, 27,000-student university will be named Georgia Southern University with campuses in Savannah, Statesboro, and Hinesville. The expected timeline for the first entering class will be fall 2018. Complete details are available at http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/.

Within this setting, the College of Education offers undergraduate and graduate programs to prepare students for work in public education, community agencies, and higher education. The Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education is committed to preparing educators who work collaboratively with public school partners, who are dedicated to preparing teacher candidates to work effectively with diverse populations of students, who prepare teacher candidates to be reflective educators, and who use current research to inform their educational practices. The College of Education is accredited by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, the Assistant Professor of Science Education position will be housed on the Armstrong campus in Savannah and requires teaching, service, and research responsibilities, as well as a terminal degree. The primary focus of the position is the teaching of Integrated Science courses covering major concepts in the areas of physical science and life and earth science. These courses, required of elementary and middle grades teacher candidates, emphasize the nature and skills of science as well as the understanding of major science concepts and principles in this field. In addition to teaching these courses, the position also involves supervising field-based experiences; working in partnership with area schools; modeling effective teaching practices; using instructional technology; advancing a well-defined program of research; and performing service within the department, college, university, and community. The position is a 10-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:
• Earned doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction, Middle Grades Education, Science Education, Physical Science, Chemistry, Biology, Geology, or a closely related field by August 1, 2018
• Minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in science content (physics, chemistry, biology, or geology) and coursework in science pedagogy
• A focused program of research and scholarship related to science education
• Minimum of three years of full-time teaching experience in grades 4-12
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution
Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience working with a diverse faculty and student body
• Demonstrated effectiveness in using technology in instruction
• Experience in the supervision of student teachers and/or practicum students
• Experience with school-university partnerships, Professional Learning Communities, and/or Professional Development Schools
• Knowledge of and experience with edTPA
• Experience working as a member of a research team

Screening of applications begins February 16, 2018, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2018. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; unofficial copies of graduate transcripts; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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