Instructor of Elementary and Special Education (Dual Certification)
Search # 67785
College of Education, Department of Elementary and Special Education

The Department of Elementary and Special Education in the College of Education invites applications and nominations for the position of Instructor of Elementary and Special Education (Dual Certification). The home campus for this position will be the Statesboro campus.

Georgia Southern University is a distinctive combination of Southern charm and uncompromising academics. We are a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution serving about 26,500 students through nine colleges on three beautiful oak-lined campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Throughout its degree offerings at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern cultivates community collaboration, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Georgia Southern University was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children. Its Savannah campus was established in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College for local youth who could not afford to attend college away from home. The Liberty Center in Hinesville was established in 1998 to serve the military and their families at nearby Fort Stewart, the largest military base east of the Mississippi. All three locations came together in 2018 when Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University consolidated. The “new” Georgia Southern University preserves a passion for serving its neighbors while preparing students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

Believing that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University’s academic environment, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff to support, promote, and serve a diverse student body and promote Inclusive Excellence. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the institution’s Inclusive Excellence goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

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 Elementary and Special 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 Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

**Position Description.** Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Elementary and Special Education, the Instructor of Dual Certification position requires teaching undergraduate courses in elementary education and special education fields; supervising field-based experiences; working in partnerships with area schools; modeling effective teaching practices; using instructional technology; and performing service within the department, college, University, and community. The position is a 10-month, non-tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.
**Required Qualifications:**
- Earned master’s degree in Elementary Education, Special Education, or a closely related field by August 1, 2021
- Minimum of three years of full-time teaching experience with PK-5 students in general and/or special education environments
- Willingness to engage with institutional student success initiatives.
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development.
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

**Preferred Qualifications:**
- Experience in the supervision of student teachers, practicum students, and/or mentorship role of novice teachers
- Minimum of 18 graduate semester hours in special education coursework
- Experience teaching undergraduate courses
- Experience teaching PK-5 students with disabilities
- Experience working with diverse student populations
- Demonstrated effectiveness in using technology in instruction
- Strong collaboration and communication skills
- Experience with co-teaching

Screening of applications begins December 4, 2020 and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2021. To equitably serve a fast growing and highly diverse student body and to fulfill the University’s commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, we actively seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to Pillar 3 of our University Strategic Plan: Inclusive Excellence.

A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. In addition, applicants are required to submit an Inclusive Excellence statement (2 pages). In the Inclusive Excellence statement, applicants should reflect on their experience, vision, and commitment regarding teaching and mentorship of students from diverse backgrounds and discuss past, current, and future contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the areas of research, teaching, service, and outreach. 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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religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in the search process should notify Human Resources at 912-478-6947.