Assistant Professor of Secondary Education
Search # 67782
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 a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Secondary Education position. The home campus for this position will be our Statesboro campus. Some travel to our Armstrong or Liberty campuses may be required. Screening of applications begins December 5, 2020 and continues until the position is filled.

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 and private education, community agencies, and higher education. The Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education is committed to preparing reflective educators who work collaboratively and effectively with diverse students in public schools by using current research to inform their practices. The College of Education is
accredited by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. The individual hired in this position is expected to contribute to the college’s goals of continued excellence and innovation in teaching, scholarship, and service.

**Position Description.**
Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, the Assistant Professor of Secondary Education position primarily focuses upon teaching secondary education courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and supervising teacher candidates in the department’s Secondary Education, Middle Grades Education, and the fully-online MAT program in Middle Grades and Secondary Education. The teaching requires the modeling of effective instructional practices for diverse student populations and the use of instructional technology in face-to-face, hybrid, and online learning environments. Supervision responsibilities may require in-person observation of teacher candidates in local public school classrooms, remote supervision using videos and commentary platforms, and fully online observations of graduate-level in-service teachers. Scholarly responsibilities include maintaining an active research agenda yielding regular publications, professional presentations, and/or external grant proposals. In addition, the position involves collaborating with faculty across the College of Education and performing service to the department, college, University, regional schools, and the profession. Our department supports faculty efforts to integrate teaching, scholarship, and service through multi-faceted initiatives. 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 Secondary Education or Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in a secondary education content area, or a closely related field, by August 1, 2021
- Minimum of three years of full-time teaching experience in grades P-12
- Potential for a program of scholarship relevant to secondary education
- Ability to contribute to a positive work environment in the department, college, and University
- 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:**
- Graduate concentration in Middle Grades education
- Experience working with a diverse faculty and teaching culturally and linguistically diverse students in public school and/or post-secondary settings
- Experience teaching secondary education courses at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels
• Experience in the supervision of pre-service teacher candidates and/or practicum students in field placements
• Experience in using technology in instruction, particularly in online and/or hybrid settings
• Established record or potential for a program of research and scholarship focused upon issues in secondary education
• Experience with school-university partnerships
• Interest in issues related to urban education

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 (See: https://www.georgiasouthern.edu/inclusive-excellence/recommendations/ )

Screening of applications begins December 5, 2020, and continues until the position is filled. A complete application consists of:

• A letter addressing how the applicant fulfills the required and preferred qualifications listed above. This letter must integrate throughout evidence relevant to our University’s Inclusive Excellence values and goals including: reflections on the applicant’s experience, vision, and commitment regarding teaching and mentorship of students from diverse backgrounds; and discussion of past, current, and future contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the areas of research, teaching, service, and/or outreach
• A current and complete curriculum vitae
• Copies of your graduate transcripts
• The names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references.
• All of the above items should be incorporated into a single PDF file.
• Additionally, the applicant must provide access to a video recording of themselves teaching an authentic, engaging, and interactive secondary education lesson (preferably social studies methods) to pre-service teacher candidates.

Only complete applications submitted electronically to ebarrow@georgiasouthern.edu will be considered. Other documentation may be requested. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2021.

Applications and nominations should be sent to:
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More information about the institution is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu or https://coe.georgiasouthern.edu/. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, 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.