Assistant Professor of Education

Wofford College invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor of teacher education to begin in August 2024. At Wofford, faculty serve as teacher-scholars dedicated to the education and mentorship of undergraduates in a liberal arts tradition. Wofford embraces a broad definition of scholarship that includes discipline-specific, pedagogical and interdisciplinary research. Faculty earn tenure after six years by demonstrating excellence in teaching, continued scholarly development and service to the college.

EXPECTATIONS

Wofford faculty members are primarily educators committed to developing and practicing effective student-centered pedagogies to facilitate our students’ academic development. We seek applicants qualified to teach courses listed under “preferred qualifications” within Wofford’s minor in education. In addition, candidates will need to demonstrate the ability to develop courses that complement the education minor based on current educational trends. For humanities and social science faculty, a standard teaching load is 3/1/3. Education faculty also supervise students in K-12 schools during Interim and other regular semester courses that include field experiences. The position requires a willingness to partner with local public and/or private schools, or experience in public/private schools. The candidate should be willing to support this partnership and any others that may develop in the future. In the current world of education, K-12 schools and teacher preparation programs are evolving to meet the demand of teacher shortages in our near future. To be successful, the candidate must have an interest in creating and/or supporting innovative educational approaches to address these needs.

We seek candidates with training in the evaluation of teachers and/or experience working with state educator certification requirements and supervision of students in clinical experiences. The candidate should include experience in mentoring and/or advising in an educational setting. A commitment to pedagogy and experience engaging with K-12 students from underrepresented backgrounds is valued in the application as well. The successful applicant will be an excellent teacher committed to working in a liberal arts environment with a clear research program and collegewide service responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS

This position requires the following:

- An Ed.D. or Ph.D. in an education discipline by the time of appointment.
- Evidence of classroom teaching, which may include undergraduate instruction and/or student teaching/teaching in K-12 schools.
The following qualifications are preferred:

- Evidence of classroom teaching in K-12 and/or private schools.
- Willingness to partner with local public and/or private schools.
- Demonstrated experience in mentoring and/or advising in an educational setting.
- Commitment to inclusive pedagogy and experience engaging with K-12 students from underrepresented backgrounds.
- Evidence of past scholarship and a plan for future scholarship.
- Training in the evaluation of teachers and/or experience working with state educator certification requirements and supervision of students in clinical experiences.
- Expertise in academic areas that will complement the Education Department at Wofford College.
- Interest and/or experience in collaborating within a small department.
- Commitment to teach at a small liberal arts college.
- Leadership experience in educational settings.
- Qualified to teach current education courses (Foundations of Education, Foundations of Literacy, Teaching Diverse Student Populations, Teaching in Reading, Human Growth and Development and Educational Psychology).
- Ability to develop courses based on current educational trends.

APPLICATION

Application materials should be submitted electronically as a single PDF to EducationDepartmentSearch@wofford.edu. Application materials should include: 1) a cover letter explaining your interest and suitability for this position, 2) curriculum vitae including research, 3) unofficial graduate transcripts, 4) three names and contact information for references, and 5) a statement of your teaching philosophy, which should express a genuine interest in working with departmental and campus efforts to develop a diverse and inclusive campus environment.

Applications received by Feb. 12, 2024 will be given full consideration. Questions about the position or search should be directed to the committee chair, Christie B. Johnson, at johnsoncb@wofford.edu.

ABOUT WOFFORD COLLEGE

Wofford College is a place where thought leads, where ideas are celebrated and problem solving is expected. Wofford invites applicants who are focused on student success and excited to join a community committed to preparing thought leaders.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. A Phi Beta Kappa college (chartered in 1940), Wofford offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,874 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, experiential learning opportunities and successful and supportive graduates,
Wofford is recognized consistently as a “best value” and for accessibility for low- and middle-income students. To learn more, visit wofford.edu.

EEO STATEMENT

Wofford College values diversity within our students, faculty and staff and strives to recruit, develop and retain the most talented people. Wofford College does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, veteran status or any other legally protected status in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws. For information about Wofford’s Title IX compliance, visit wofford.edu/administration/title-ix.

It is the policy of Wofford College to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities for employment. If you require any accommodations to participate in any part of the hiring process, please contact HumanResources@Wofford.edu.