



Department of Special Education and Child Development

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Chair of Department of Special Education and Child Development. Position 4874. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, a growing research university, seeks a chair for the Department of Special Education and Child Development. This is a 12-month position and will begin on July 1, 2018. This 24-member department hosts over 3.4 million in research funding, including U.S. Department of Education IES- and OSEP-funded national centers, as well as multiple personnel preparation, model demonstration, and technical assistance projects that are state and federally funded. The faculty contributes to key professional leadership activities, including editorships of leading journals, offices in national and state professional organizations, and memberships on advisory boards. According to Academic Analytics (2017), Special Education was in the top five programs in grant dollars generated, journal articles published, and production of doctoral students. The Ph.D. program in special education has had continuous OSEP preparation of leadership personnel funding since its inception in 2000. The program currently serves a diverse group of students. The department's programs also include bachelor's degrees, initial licensure, and master's degrees in child and family development and special education, as well as a master's degree in gifted education. The faculty's leadership in teaching has been recognized at the university and state levels. This faculty values first and foremost the children and adults its programs are meant to serve and the faculty has invested extensive hours in service to the schools and community agencies. We are part of a College that is NCATE accredited and has a clear commitment to diversity as reflected in our course syllabi and ongoing activities. We are a welcoming and collaborative environment and continue to grow in our understanding of and leadership in multicultural education and inclusive education. The Department and College have strong university support as reflected in our state-of-the-art education building, the procurement of an endowed chair in special education, and this current opportunity to seek a department chair of national stature.

Responsibilities. For this growing and highly successful department, we seek a leader who shares our values of creating equitable and high quality educational and human service opportunities and our strong commitment to the teaching profession. We need an individual with the research maturity and vision to create an environment in which our growing research endeavors can be supported. We seek a leader who can mentor as well as evaluate faculty in research, teaching, and service and one who will build on our commitment to diversity and multicultural and inclusive education in an urban environment.

Qualifications include: a doctoral degree at the current rank of Associate or Full Professor from an accredited institution with expertise in special education, child and family development, or gifted education; B-12 teaching and/or administrative experience; a strong record of teaching and advising; evidence of scholarly contributions to the field; and a continued record of effective professional service. Consideration also will be given to having a demonstrated commitment to leadership in diversity, experience in grant management with deep understanding of federal funding, performance review of faculty and staff, outreach to schools and communities, visionary organizational leadership, and national contributions to the field. The chair is appointed by the Provost on the recommendation of the Dean of the Cato College of Education, subject to approval of the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of the University.

Applications will be considered beginning December 1, 2017 and continue until the position is filled. Applications should include:

- A cover letter addressed to Dr. Fred Spooner, Chair of the search committee, indicating interest in position and highlighting achievements related to qualifications for position
- A current vita
- The names, addresses, email, and telephone numbers of four references

To Apply: Apply electronically at <https://jobs.uncc.edu>. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Please attach the following documents with your electronic submission: application cover letter, vita, and full contact information for four references. Additional supporting materials should be sent to Micki Crowder (mcrowde6@uncc.edu), 9201 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28223. For additional information or informal inquiries about the position, contact Dr. Fred Spooner, Chair of Search Committee at 704-687-8851 or fhspoone@uncc.edu

As an EOE/AA employer and an ADVANCE Institution that strives to create an academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte encourages applications from all underrepresented groups. All finalists are subject to criminal background checks.