

College of Education and Human Development
Department of Special Education
Assistant/ Associate Professor, Moderate and Severe Disabilities

Special Education

The Department of Special Education in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Louisville invites applicants for a tenure-track faculty position in Moderate and Severe Disabilities at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. Tenure-line faculty members are expected to engage in research, teaching, and service activities consistent with the requirements of a research university. We seek applicants who show evidence of success in, or strong potential for: teaching effectively at the university level, maintaining an active research agenda, competing for extramural funding from state and federal sources, mentoring graduate students, and collaborating with others in and outside of our Department and College.

The ideal candidate will also have knowledge and skills in one or more of the following: assessment and instruction of students with moderate and severe disabilities, communication and assistive technology for students with moderate and severe disabilities, applied behavior analysis and quantitative research methodology (including single-subject methods).

Department, College, and University

The Department of Special Education currently includes 10 tenure-line faculty members and a number of grant funded personnel. Faculty members are committed to engagement in public school settings and regularly visit classrooms for research, training, and student supervision. The Department currently has approximately more than \$2 million in annual external funding that involves collaborative projects across faculty. The Department houses CIBRS (the Center for Instructional and Behavioral Research in Schools). CIBRS, directed by Dr. Terry Scott, engages with the application of scientific methods to understand and prevent student failure. The Department also works closely with the Kentucky Autism Training Center (KATC; <http://louisville.edu/education/kyautismtraining>), and the Kentucky Department of Education.

The College includes more than 110 FTE faculty and serves approximately 3,200 students in six departments: Special Education; Early Childhood and Elementary Education; Middle and Secondary Education; Educational Leadership, Evaluation, and Organizational Development; Health and Sport Sciences; and Counseling and Human Development. The College is committed to advancing knowledge, promoting the highest levels of learning, and developing leaders who generate and use research to inform policy and improve practice. The College is affiliated with the Early Learning Campus (ELC; <http://louisville.edu/education/elc>), an early child development center for children of UofL faculty, staff and students, and residents of the Louisville Scholar House. The College houses the Nystrand Center of Excellence in Education. The purpose of this Center, which is one of five Commonwealth Centers of Excellence and the only one in education, is to develop, implement and study collaborative efforts to improve teaching. The College is known for the Grawemeyer Award, support for grant writing and management, new faculty mentoring programs, computer resources and technology support, ongoing research projects, and strong collaborations with the local public schools, including Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), the 28th largest school district in the nation. The

diversity of our region is reflected in the students served by JCPS, an urban district enrolling a racially/ethnically diverse population of over 100,000 students, including more than 12,000 students with disabilities, more than 6,000 students who are homeless, and more than 8,000 students who are English language learners. Among this population, more than 120 languages are spoken. In addition, more than 60% of the school population receives free or reduced lunch. Please visit the CEHD web site at <http://www.louisville.edu/education/> for more information about our College and its programs and collaborations.

The University of Louisville, a “Very High Research Activity” institution, is a nationally recognized metropolitan university of approximately 22,000 students in an urban area with a population of one million. The University of Louisville is a state supported research university located in the city of Louisville, Kentucky's largest metropolitan area. The university has three campuses. The 287-acre Belknap Campus is three miles from downtown Louisville and houses seven of the university's 11 colleges and schools, including the CEHD. The Health Sciences Center is located in downtown Louisville's medical complex and houses the university's health related programs and the University of Louisville Hospital. To learn more, visit the University of Louisville web site at <http://www.louisville.edu>.

Duties and Responsibilities

Duties and responsibilities associated with this faculty position include but are not limited to:

- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in MSD and Autism programs and the Department of Special Education
- Advising students at undergraduate or master's levels, and mentoring students at the doctoral level
- Maintaining an active research agenda that includes professional publications and the pursuit of external funding
- Contributing to department, college, and university governance

Minimum Qualifications

Applicants should meet all of the following requirements:

- Doctorate in special education with specialization in working with students with moderate and severe disabilities
- Three years teaching experience with K-12 students with moderate and severe disabilities (or equivalent experience with students with MSD)
- Ability to teach courses with the MSD and Autism programs (as examples only: assessment and instruction for MSD; behavior analytic approaches to communication; assistive technology)
- Strong evidence or promise of a scholarly research agenda with an emphasis on students with MSD, including evidence of successful grant writing and/or other avenues to external funding
- Demonstrated interest and experience in working in partnership with university centers, schools, postsecondary institutions, government agencies, community groups, businesses, and other key stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to work well with colleagues
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity and working with students from multicultural communities and backgrounds

Preferred Qualifications

The ideal candidate will also demonstrate knowledge or skills in one or more of the following:

- Experience working with students with complex communication needs
- Experience using assistive technology to support students with disabilities
- Experience collaborating with local education agencies
- Current or previous external funding
- Expertise in quantitative research methodology (including single-subject methods)

Salary: Position rank and salary will be determined based upon the qualifications of the applicant.

Beginning Date: August 2019

Appointment: Ten-month with the possibility of optional summer teaching.

Application Procedures

The Search Committee is chaired by Dr. Ginevra Courtade, questions regarding the position may be directed to (g.courtade@louisville.edu). Additional information about the department can be found at: <http://louisville.edu/education/departments/sped>

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. All applicants must complete an on-line application available at <http://www.louisville.edu/jobs> using position #35995. Applicants will be asked to complete a self-ID form on this site, and then to submit electronically (a) a cover letter stating interest in the position and describing how the applicant meets minimum and preferred qualifications, and (b) a curriculum vita, and (c) contact information for three professional references.

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