

FACULTY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant/Associate Professor in Education (Specializing in Special Education)

Department: Education

Position: Full-time (10-Month), tenure-track position with complete benefit package

Salary: Negotiable within the range established in the CBA (\$44,000-\$54,000)

Union Affiliation: MFPE

Posting Date: April 2022

Start Date: August 1, 2022

Description

The University at Montana Western Division of Education welcomes applicants for a tenure line Assistant Professor in Special Education position. Primary responsibilities will include teaching for undergraduate and post baccalaureate students, advising, professional scholarship, and coordination of the special education endorsement program. Teaching assignments include courses in special education, possible other assignments in early childhood special education, and other courses in Education Division courses according to candidates' expertise and interest.

The Special Education Program at University of Montana Western is a P12 minor/endorsement and is cross-categorically aligned with Montana State licensure. The successful candidate should be prepared to teach the courses and advance the program to meet special education teachers' initial teaching expectations.

The University of Montana Western's mission statement:

As a leader and innovator in experiential education, the University of Montana Western educates undergraduate students through immersive practices in their field of study, strives for continuous improvement, and achieves evidence-supported student learning and achievement outcomes.

Required Qualifications

- PhD in Special Education (ABD will be considered)
- 5 Years' Experience Teaching/Leadership in Special Education (P12)
- 3 Years' Experience in P12 Elementary Education
- Experience in Teaching in Higher Education including both online and face-to-face instruction
- Licensure in Special Education

Preferred Qualifications

- Cross Categorical special education expertise in research-based pedagogy
- Expertise in Behavior Analysis
- Early Childhood Special Education experience/training
- Expertise in Trauma Informed Science and Brain Based Research

- Evidence of Community Service
- Experience in academic advising and mentorship

Application

Application Packet must include:

- Letter of Interest
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- Statement of Research Interest
- Official Transcripts (Graduate and Undergraduate)

All application materials should be submitted as a SINGLE PDF file. Application materials must be sent to:

Patti Lake
Personnel Officer
The University of Montana Western
710 S. Atlantic Street
Dillon, MT 59725
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Inquiries may be made to Dr. Vikki Howard at vikki.howard@umwestern.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled.

The University & Dillon Area

The University of Montana Western is a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate university with over 65 full-time faculty and 1,300 students. It is located in Dillon, Montana in the scenic Rocky Mountains and has been awarded numerous top national rankings for delivering high quality, affordable education.

Montana Western is the only public four-year college in the nation offering *Experience One (X1)*, experiential learning delivered on the block schedule. Class sizes are small and students take a single course at a time, three hours each day for 18 days, before moving on to the next course. Each course is four credits and four blocks are offered each semester. The block schedule facilitates field and lab work, undergraduate research, study travel, and interdisciplinary teaching. Montana Western's faculty strongly believe in mentoring and inspiring students and assisting them in the transition from university life to professional careers.

The University of Montana Western is an integral part of the Dillon Community. With a population of 5,000 people, Dillon is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities, and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for any position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.