

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY
Position Description
Christian Education – Charlotte Campus

Mission Statement

Union Presbyterian Seminary equips Christian leaders for ministry in the world – a sacred vocation that requires deep learning, commitment to service, and an ability to read culture and circumstance in the light of the rich resources of scripture and theological tradition.

Areas of Responsibility

The person appointed to this position will teach primarily on the Charlotte campus, with shared responsibility for course offerings in the seminary's Blended Learning Program. She or he is expected to be a generalist who will offer courses that meet core competency requirements in the M.Div. and M.A.C.E. degree programs and will also teach electives in her or his areas of interest. The primary focus in teaching is the preparation of pastors and educators for ministry in diverse congregations and non-parish contexts through engagement with contextual pedagogies and reflective practice. The person will be expected to make significant scholarly contributions to the field through research and writing and participate in appropriate academic guilds. He or she will have academic advising responsibilities with Charlotte students and collaborate with departmental colleagues for new course development and program assessment. He or she will serve as a seminary resource to congregations, denominational entities, and Christian education related organizations.

Qualifications

- A Ph.D. or comparable degree in Christian Education or a related field
- Digital literacy and experience with technology-based teaching and learning
- Conversant in current theories and scholarship in Christian education
- Engaged in scholarly practices that affirm diversity in age, race, ethnicity, gender, and culture in an increasingly intercultural world
- Adept at translating research from the fields of social science and education into practices of Christian teaching and learning
- Affirms the vocation of teaching as a significant and collegial calling in the life of the church
- Committed to theological education that values diversity and the life and witness of the church in an intercultural world
- Appreciation for the theology, polity, and practices of Reformed traditions, especially the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Experience in Christian education leadership in congregations or other ministry settings as well as in graduate-level teaching

The appointment is for a tenure track position and rank will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Members of underrepresented constituencies are encouraged to apply.

Our Charlotte, North Carolina, satellite program is located in a state-of-the-art facility on the campus of Sharon Presbyterian Church. The curriculum at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte is designed especially for second-career students who continue full or part-time work while pursuing theological

study. The fellowship of the student cohorts along with the leadership and support of the faculty and staff is a particular strength of the program. M.Div. and M.A.C.E. classes meet once a week, typically on Saturdays, although some elective courses are offered at other times. New programs in development may follow other schedules. The campus, including the library, is closed on Mondays. Faculty meetings and other events are ordinarily scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

UPSem is a graduate educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an EO/AA employer committed to gender, racial/ethnic, and international and cultural diversity in its faculty and student body.

Please send nominations or a letter of application, CV, and contact information for three references to the Rev. Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, Associate to the Charlotte Dean, at Nadine.moran@upsem.edu, by September 1, 2017.