

UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY
Faculty Position Description (Tenure Track)
Christian Education (Assistant or Associate Rank)

Mission Statement

Union Presbyterian Seminary equips people in the ways of Jesus to witness, teach, and live into the movement of God's Reign through their ministry in the church and world—a sacred vocation that requires deep learning, commitment to service, and an ability to read cultures and circumstances in the light of the rich resources of Scripture and theological tradition.

Areas of Responsibility

The person appointed to this position will be based in Richmond and will teach courses on both the Richmond and Charlotte campuses, as well as across all degree programs and platforms, and through in-person, hybrid, and distance formats. The candidate is expected to be a generalist who will offer courses that meet core competency requirements and electives in areas of professional 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. The new faculty member will have academic advising responsibilities and collaborate with departmental colleagues for new course development, program assessment and the ongoing work of the Global Mission Center for Christian Education. The person 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 and/or other contexts of ministries as well as in graduate-level teaching

Union Presbyterian Seminary is a graduate educational institution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an EO/AA employer committed to increasing the gender, racial-ethnic, and international and cultural diversity in its faculty and student body. Therefore, candidates of underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply as the seminary strives to increase the diversity of its faculty to achieve its strategic goals.

Letters of application, including a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of three references, should be addressed to Ken McFayden, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Academic Dean, Richmond Campus, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227, staylor@upsem.edu. Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2021, and will continue until the position is filled.