



Eden Theological Seminary JOB POSTING

Job Title: Open-Rank Professor of Contextual Education and (Field of Specialization)

Eden Theological Seminary (Eden) announces the vacancy of an open-rank professorship of contextual education and the potential faculty colleague's field of teaching/research specialization. A full member of the faculty, the colleague collaborates with team leaders and faculty at the Seminary to oversee and manage the contextual education program. The Professor of Contextual Education will also coordinate a critical component of the Seminary's Momentum for Ministry (MoM) initiative, which is supported by the 2025 Lilly Endowment's Pathways for Tomorrow Large-Scale Collaboration Grant.

SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Note: A detailed list of essential duties and job description is available upon request.

- The colleague in CE is **not** expected to have a specialization in contextual/field education or have extensive administrative experience in it, but they must have a desire to learn about and grow the CE program as well as exercising leadership for the MoM initiative.
- The colleague must be an excellent networker and collaborator. They must have an ability and desire to seek out contextual education partnerships with organizations, churches, alumni; and work collaboratively with the faculty as they lead the CE program and a component of the MoM Initiative.
- An earned doctorate degree (e.g. Ph.D., Th.D., Ed.D., D.Min., etc.) from an accredited seminary or university in a relevant field (e.g. religious studies, theology, education, ministry, etc.)
- Additional field of specialization is open, but a field in practical theology – or the ability to teach introductory courses in practical theology – is highly desirable. (e.g. educational ministry, counseling, pastoral care, pastoral theology, etc.)
- The colleague must have the capacity and purpose to participate actively in the faculty's ongoing work to intervene in racism, misogyny, and colonialism in our teaching, learning, and institutional life.

NECESSARY APPLICATION MATERIALS

If interested, candidates are asked to e-mail the Contextual Education Search Committee the following materials.

- Letter of Application indicating the candidate's interest in and suitability for the position.
- Updated curriculum vitae with a list of 3-5 references and their contacts.
- A sample syllabus of a required course that the candidate would teach at Eden.

Please send these materials as PDF or Microsoft Word attachments in one e-mail to Lindsey Brown (lbrown@eden.edu). Applications will be reviewed beginning April 15, 2026 on a rolling basis. Candidates of interest will be contacted as soon as possible to arrange for an initial interview. The position will remain open until filled.

For further questions or information, please contact the search committee chair, Dr. Henry Kuo (hkuo@eden.edu).

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