

Faculty Position in Pastoral Theology and Contextual Education

Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is inviting applications for a full-time tenure-track position in pastoral theology and contextual education. Applicants should have an interest in the emerging needs of the church. This appointment includes overseeing AST's advances in contextual education, one that blends distance and residentially based students. The contextual education program at AST coordinates the placement of students in parish, congregational, and ministerial sites. The successful candidate will be responsible for working with students, supervisors, and ministry site placements.

It is expected that candidates will be in good standing with their own denomination. Candidates will have an appreciation of the challenges facing both the church and theological education. Candidates must be prepared to teach and participate in AST's ecumenical environment, with particular awareness of our founding parties: the United Church of Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Roman Catholic Church. Students come to AST from a variety of spiritual traditions but familiarity with one of our founding denominations will be an asset. The successful candidate will evidence capacity and promise as both teacher and researcher.

Research and Teaching Competencies

Applicants to this position should have a strong competence and ability to teach and do research in at least one of the following areas, with clear potential for crossover in another:

- Supervised field education/contextual education
- Liturgy, worship, preaching
- Pastoral and spiritual care
- Leadership studies and social analysis
- Qualitative research methods
- Ecumenism
- Interreligious/interfaith dialogue
- Advances in technology and ministry

Qualifications

The successful candidate will have:

- A Doctoral degree in Pastoral Theology
- The ability to teach effectively in on-campus, online, and hybrid environments
- Strong collegial and collaborative skills
- Experience with contextual education
- An awareness of Canadian ecclesial and social contexts
- An appreciation of AST's founding church denominations
- A commitment to ecumenism
- An ability to navigate church bodies/structures and strengthen existing partnerships

Salary & Rank

AST is interested in candidates at the assistant or associate professor level. The terms and conditions of the successful candidate's employment will be governed by the current Collective Agreement between the AST Board of Governors and the AST Faculty Association.

Start Date, January 1, 2027 (negotiable)

Reports to Academic Dean

Vacation & Benefits

22 days of vacation per annum plus university closures; office space; health, dental, AD&D, and life insurance; fitness allowance; professional activities allowance; sabbatical leave (subject to change based on future negotiations of the Collective Agreement).

Applications

Applicants are asked to submit the following:

- a letter of application
- a *curriculum vitae*
- contact information for three referees who can address the above criteria
- a writing sample or a brief publication in their discipline
- a 400–500 word statement of teaching philosophy
- evidence of teaching effectiveness

Submit all applications by email to:
The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke
Chair, Search Committee
astacademic@astheology.ns.ca

Application Deadline: 5:00 pm (ADT) on May 15, 2026

Applicants may be invited to an initial interview on June 8th via Zoom.

On campus interviews will be scheduled for the week of June 22 – 24.

We thank all who apply. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.