

Position Announcement - Eastern Illinois University

Position:

Tenure-Track Family and Consumer Sciences -Family Services/Gerontology Assistant Professor.

Responsibilities:

Teach undergraduate and graduate level courses with emphases in gerontology and family services/studies. Course emphases may include aging and the family, family and professional group processes, family relations, family theories, disadvantaged families, family crises, families and addictions, and other appropriate Family and Consumer Sciences courses. Coordinate and provide leadership for the interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Gerontology program. In addition, conduct research/scholarly activities, and provide service to the university, the larger community, and the profession.

Qualifications:

Earned doctorate with emphasis in gerontology, family studies, or related Family and Consumer Sciences field required by position start date. Evidence of successful higher education teaching, scholarly activities, and professional service. Affiliations with professional organizations such as the National Council on Family Relations, the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education, and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences are desirable.

Starting Date:

August 2009.

The School:

The School of Family and Consumer Sciences (SFCS) has approximately 25 FTE Faculty who serve over 550 undergraduate and graduate majors. The School offers a B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences with options in Dietetics, Family Services, and Apparel & Textiles, Consumer Studies, Hospitality, and Merchandising. Master's programs include a M.S. in FCS (Human Development & Family Life or General FCS), a M.S. in FCS with Dietetics option, and a M.A. in Gerontology. The School is accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The M.A. in Gerontology program is designated a Program of Merit by the Association of Gerontology in Higher Education. Students and faculty are actively involved in organizations such as, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society and the Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The School administers two major grants: Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program and Child Care Resource & Referral. For more information, visit <http://www.eiu.edu/~famsci> and http://www.eiu.edu/~ma_geron/.

Applications:

As an e-mail attachment, send a letter of application, curriculum vita, and a list of three references with telephone, email, and mailing contacts to Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke at kaorourke@eiu.edu. Send transcripts and three letters of recommendation by mail to: Dr. Kathleen O'Rourke, Screening Committee Chair, 600 Lincoln Avenue, EIU School of Family and Consumer Sciences, Charleston, IL 61920-3099. For more information, email Dr. O'Rourke or call 217.581.6350. Review of applicants will begin on November 14, 2008 and continue until position is filled.

Affirmative Action:

Eastern Illinois University is an equal opportunity, equal access, affirmative action employer committed to achieving a diverse community.

SFCS Vision:

The School of Family and Consumer Sciences is accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. The School prepares students to improve the global society through its life span perspective and with an applied integrative focus on individual and family development, nutrition and health, consumer studies, merchandising, apparel and textile design and hospitality management.

M.A. in Gerontology

Program Mission:

The Master of Arts in Gerontology Program is designed to provide a multidisciplinary education for future and current professionals in gerontology. We are committed to maintaining the quality and distinction of the program that was exemplified by our recognition as a Program of Merit by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Opportunities are available for students to gain exposure to specialized expertise in gerontological theory, research, practice, social policy issues, and the process of aging in a global and culturally diverse society. This expertise prepares students for a wide range of careers in gerontology, including direct community and social services, program administration, mental health practice, government services, higher education, long-term care, and health and wellness.

Send application materials to:

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