

LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Since 1890, Whitworth University, a private, residential, comprehensive, master's-level, liberal-arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian church, has held fast to its founding mission to provide its students an education of mind and heart characterized by rigorous and open intellectual inquiry and the integration of Christian faith and learning. Anchored in the Reformed tradition and enriched throughout its history by strong evangelical and ecumenical currents, Whitworth's mission is carried out by a diverse community of dedicated Christian scholars and staff members who are called to a variety of vocations to serve and support students. Whitworth believes the best learning occurs in the context of relationship – inside and outside of the classroom – where professors and staff members alike invest in the lives of students. Whitworth is committed to modeling the highest standards of integrity and fairness and being a trusted and valued member of the community.

The Psychology Department at Whitworth University invites applications for a Lecturer in Psychology with responsibilities in teaching and advising. The Whitworth University Psychology Department is committed to academic rigor and sensitive human service through the promotion of the scientific study of mind and heart. As part of a Christian liberal arts institution, we seek to train and produce responsible, enlightened citizens who think critically and contribute actively to the field of psychology. Following a scientist-practitioner model, the curriculum is designed to develop both breadth and depth of knowledge in core areas of psychology. Students engage in research and practice that encompass foundational and advanced requirements and electives, culminating in dual senior capstone experiences. Students apply their learning as they design their own research projects, critically evaluate scientific information and other claims, and reflect on the integration of psychology with Christian faith and other worldview perspectives. They gain experience working in the community at a practicum placement of their choice, and they have the opportunity to travel to destinations that bring their classroom learning to life. We offer an enduring foundation in the investigation and understanding of human behavior, emotion and mental processes, in an atmosphere that nurtures relationships among people of diverse backgrounds and offers mutual support and friendship among faculty and students.

STARTING DATE: Fall 2024

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The anticipated responsibilities of this position, contingent on qualifications and needs, will consist of teaching undergraduate courses and potentially advising students within the Psychology Department. Courses will be drawn from the following areas: Introductory Psychology, Theories of Counseling, Developmental Psychology, Psychopathology and other courses depending on the needs of the department.

The Psychology department at Whitworth University values diversity of background and experience. We seek individuals who seek the challenge of inspiring students to prepares students to do the following:

Demonstrate knowledge, understanding and application ability of psychological principles within personal, social and organizational realms.

Demonstrate critical thinking, skeptical inquiry and scientific methods to solve problems related to behavioral, mental and emotional processes.

Act ethically, understand how their worldview informs their approach to psychology, and appreciate diversity.

Demonstrate competence in oral, written and interpersonal communication.

Implement psychological and personal knowledge, skills and values in vocational pursuits that meet personal goals and societal needs. We believe that teachers with diverse backgrounds and experiences make our program stronger and provide better outcomes for our students.

REQUIRED JOB KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Graduate degree in a psychology related field is required.
- The ability to teach Introduction to Psychology, Psychopathology, Developmental Psychology and Theories of Counseling is required.
- Previous teaching experience in psychology is desirable.
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith and to the integration of faith and learning.

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- The ability to teach health psychology is desirable but not required.
- Experience in the field of psychology is desirable but not required.
- Demonstrated effectiveness or potential in college-level teaching
- Strong relational skills with students and colleagues
- Skill in the use of classroom technology

SALARY:

Lecturer in Psychology

Term: 9 months

MA/MSW - \$35,412

PsyD/ PhD. - \$38,136

BENEFITS:

Whitworth University provides a robust offering of benefits and services to enhance the quality of life of its faculty and staff. Employees who are eligible for benefits may participate in health plans including medical, dental and vision; a generous retirement plan (up to 8% employer match); life insurance and long-term disability insurance. Well-being services include spiritual enrichment, the employee assistance program, and free access to the University Recreation Center and the Megan E. Thompson Aquatic Center. Free tuition for employees and tuition remission programs for spouses and dependents round out the offerings. Additionally, Whitworth employees enjoy 17 paid holidays each year.

TO APPLY: Please submit to jobs@whitworth.edu

- A letter of interest that describes your approach to teaching and advising and relates your experience to the required qualifications of the position
- Your résumé/curriculum vitae
- A short personal essay describing your personal Christian faith. This essay is intended to be a statement in your own words that will help the committee to understand your interest in joining Whitworth's community of Christian scholars. ([Click here for guidance on writing the faith essay](#))

- Your graduate transcripts (may be unofficial at this time)
- Three recent teaching evaluations (if available)
- Names, email address and phone numbers of at least three academic references (one or more additional non-academic references who are able to speak to your qualifications for the position may also be included).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: A background check, sexual misconduct check, and confirmation of degrees earned will be required of the successful candidate.

DEADLINE: Application materials will be received until the position is filled. Initial screening of applicants will begin immediately. Please direct questions to the search committee chair, Dr. Mark Baird, at mbaird@whitworth.edu or (509) 777-4263.

Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. With our Christ-centered commitment to building a diverse and inclusive community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.