



*Richard W. Riley College of Education,  
Sport, and Human Sciences*

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position Title:** Assistant Professor, Early Childhood/Elementary Education Spring 2024

**Location:** Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

**Position Type:** Faculty; full-time, nine-month, tenure-track

**Position Availability:** January 3, 2024

**Position Description:** The Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy at Winthrop University is seeking an innovative and involved tenure-track assistant professor to teach in an experiential educator preparation program. The position includes teaching across undergraduate teacher certification programs as well as graduate teaching in programs that further credentials for practicing teachers. The position provides the opportunity to supervise undergraduate teacher candidates in field experiences and internships as well as teach early childhood and elementary education coursework, especially in the areas of science and mathematics methods. We seek a candidate who will be an exemplary teacher, scholar, and active participant in the college, on campus, and with community partners.

The Richard W. Riley College of Education, Sport, and Human Sciences (CESHS) has a strong reputation in the preparation and advancement of highly qualified professionals for South Carolina and the country. Historically renowned in teacher preparation, Winthrop University is CAEP-accredited and has received national recognition for its clinically-based teacher preparation and partnerships with local schools. The university enjoys close proximity to Charlotte, NC, high quality local schools, and an affordable cost of living. The college is committed to building a diverse educational environment. Individuals from under-represented groups or with experience working with under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

### **Major Responsibilities:**

- Teach undergraduate courses in early childhood and elementary education, including grades P–6 science methods
- Supervise students in field and internship placements
- Collaborate with public school/university faculty to plan and teach an experience-based curriculum

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- Maintain an ongoing record of scholarly activity
- Participate in service to the program, department, college, university, and profession
- Advise and mentor undergraduate students
- Use technology to enhance student learning, increase access, maintain program data, and facilitate recruitment and retention efforts
- Engage with education core, content, and program faculty to ensure fidelity of the educator preparation program
- Engage in teaching and other program-related activities in the evenings, summers, online, and occasionally weekends, as needed

**Employment Conditions:**

Position is full-time, nine-month, tenure-track with option of summer employment if enrollment is sufficient. ABD nearing dissertation completion may be considered at instructor level in a non-tenure track one-year position.

**About Winthrop University**

Founded in 1886 and located in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Winthrop University offers its 6,000-plus undergraduate and graduate students an educational experience that blends liberal arts, professional programs, global awareness, and civic engagement. In its degree-granting Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Visual and Performing Arts, Winthrop embraces only those programs and activities that can be delivered at an exemplary level. Winthrop is well known for its inclusive and supportive campus environment, with University College supporting programs in both academic and student affairs. Winthrop University is achieving national stature as a competitive and distinctive co-educational, public, residential, comprehensive, values-oriented institution. The values of service, excellence, diversity, community, and leadership provide the foundation for the University's continuing development and shape Winthrop's continuing success. Numerous national accolades reflect the sustained high quality and value of the Winthrop Experience, including the most recent U.S. News & World Report's ranking of Winthrop as one of the top-10 public comprehensive universities in the South. Winthrop is an active member of the Rock Hill community and is recognized as a key component of the region's economic resurgence. Approximately 20 minutes from Charlotte, North Carolina, Winthrop has direct access to and is engaged in a broad and expansive regional arts and business community. Winthrop's beautiful campus encompasses a rich architectural blend of neo-Georgian buildings and is

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included in the National Register of Historic Places. The attractive recreational and research complex area that surrounds Winthrop Lake is home to Winthrop's 18 Division I men's and women's sports.

Winthrop University is committed to providing a safe campus community. Winthrop conducts background investigations for applicants being considered for employment. Background investigations include reference checks, a criminal history record check, and when appropriate, a financial (credit) report or driving history check.

### **Qualifications**

#### **Required Qualifications:**

- Doctorate in either early childhood or elementary education, or closely related field
- Certification in K-6 grades
- P-5 teaching experience
- Ability to work in a team environment and with P-12 school partners
- Record of emerging or demonstrated scholarship commensurate with rank
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues at the department, college, university, and community levels

#### **Desired Qualifications:**

- Additional content or professional experience in STEM/STEAM education
- Demonstrated ability in the use of technology and digital tools for instructional purposes
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Experience in mentoring and/or supervising teacher candidates
- Experience with accreditation procedures and assessments
- Experience with preparing teacher candidates for the edTPA
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Teaching experience in higher education

### **Application Instructions**

Application review will begin on October 27, 2023. Applications received after the start of review may be considered if an acceptable candidate is not identified.

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Submit the following materials:

1. A cover letter including the candidate's interest in the position, qualifications, teaching philosophy, and research interests;
2. Current *curriculum vitae*;
3. Graduate transcripts for all advanced degrees (unofficial acceptable for application phase); and
4. Names and contact information for five professional references. (Provide in the required form available in application system.)

Additional materials may be requested during the review process.

Specific questions related to this search should be directed to [moisec@winthrop.edu](mailto:moisec@winthrop.edu).

**Equal Employment Opportunity Statement**

*Winthrop University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status. Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*

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