

Job Add

Description

The Department of Psychology and Human Development at Peabody College of Education and Human Development at Vanderbilt University is seeking an outstanding Certified Child Life Specialist for an Assistant Professor of the Practice position. The faculty member will be active in the Child Studies Master's Program, which trains evidence-based practitioners and researchers in a range of fields related to child and adolescent development preparing students for eventual careers in related applied fields or for further doctoral study. The Master's degree in Applied Child Studies, Child Life concentration, provides coursework, research experiences and field-based practicum through which students deepen their understanding of how children and adolescents develop, learn, and think; how context impacts children's development; how to interpret, design, and conduct research related to pediatric patients and their families; how to translate theory-based knowledge into child life best-practice in the service of improved outcomes for children and families.

The anticipated start date is August 2020. This non-tenure track position is for an initial 3-year contract with the possibility of renewal following a review process. For more information about the Department see <http://peabody.vanderbilt.edu/departments/psych/index.php>

Qualifications and Expectations

We are interested in a Certified Child Life Specialist who has expertise in child life practice, teaching and research targeting the application of developmental scholarship to improve health and mental health outcomes of pediatric patients and their families. We seek an individual with a strong record of high quality and methodologically rigorous research and teaching effectiveness. Higher education teaching experience, certification in Child Life, and an earned doctorate in Psychology or a related field are required. A minimum of 4,000 hours of paid child life clinical experience OR a minimum of two years of experience teaching child life subject matter are also required.

Primary responsibilities include teaching and mentoring undergraduate, professional and graduate students, and service to the department, university, and the field. This includes teaching courses such as *Play Based Approaches to Family Stress and Coping*, *Death and Dying*, *Practicum in Child Life*, and *Tools and Techniques in Pediatric Healthcare Research*, as well as more general coursework in Developmental Psychology.

Candidates are expected to have a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion, experience in working with diverse student populations, and a demonstrated capacity to work collaboratively with colleagues. People of color, women, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions

Candidates should submit an application letter, curriculum vitae, a letter describing research aims and teaching interests, three samples of scholarly writing, and at least 3 letters of recommendation. Review of applications will begin February 24, 2020 and continue until the position is filled.

Applications materials should be submitted via the following link:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/73653>

Questions regarding this position should be directed to Professor Vicki Harris, Search Chair, at vicki.s.harris@vanderbilt.edu.