

Assistant/Associate Professor Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education

Wayne State University

The College of Education at Wayne State University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant or Associate Professor in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education to begin in August 2019. The successful candidate will join the Division of Teacher Education (TED) that attracts faculty and students who are committed to urban education and social justice. TED's Early Childhood Education program emphasizes teaching and conducting research with children from birth to age eight. TED's Special Education Program prepares teachers of students with moderate to significant support needs (i.e. students with intellectual disability and autism) within a program framework built around disability studies and the social model of disability, inclusive teaching philosophy and strategies, and the right to equitable educational opportunities and outcomes for all students.

The successful candidate will contribute to a strong tradition of conducting influential research; securing external research funding; teaching undergraduate and graduate courses; mentoring and advising students; and providing university, state, and professional service. Applications are particularly encouraged from candidates whose research and teaching programs are in the areas of early childhood special education, play theory, family-centered inquiries, young children's social and emotional development, and culturally sustaining pedagogies that address underserved children and families in urban communities. Excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration exist, especially in the College of Education Early Childhood Center, the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute Early Childhood Center, and the Wayne State University Early Childhood Consortium.

Located in the cultural center of Detroit midtown, Wayne State University (WSU) is within walking distance of major museums, theaters, and music venues. It is one of only two public urban universities with the highest possible designation for both Research and Community Engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. WSU's 200-acre campus is home to 13 schools and colleges and nearly 28,000 students. WSU offers over 350 academic programs across the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels.

Essential Functions (Job Duties)

- Pursue an active program of research and external funding in Early Childhood Education or Early Childhood Special Education.
- Develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and in-service initiatives for educators.
- Advise and help recruit and retain undergraduate and graduate students.
- Contribute to the ongoing innovation of impactful undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Provide leadership and service at the national, state, and local levels.

Required Qualifications

- Earned doctorate in Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Special Education, or a related field.
- For Assistant Professors: demonstrated ability or potential for excellence to conduct research and publish, teach and advise effectively, and pursue external funding.
- For Associate Professors: an established record of research, teaching, and service to meet the University's requirements for tenure.
- Minimum of three years of experience teaching children from birth to age eight.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working in urban, racially and linguistically diverse, and inclusive settings.
- University-level teaching experience, including on-campus, online, and hybrid formats.
- Experience leading clinical or practicum experiences in early childhood educational settings.
- Experience or interest in program coordination and curriculum development.

Application materials should be submitted electronically through the WSU Online Hiring System – Posting Number 043935 (https://jobs.wayne.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp). Please include a cover letter (with attention to the required and preferred qualifications), CV, unofficial transcripts, samples of two scholarly publications, and a list of three references with complete contact information. Letters of reference will be required only from finalists.

The search committee will begin reviewing applications on November 15, 2018. Inquiries about the position may be directed to Dr. Kathryn Roberts (search committee chair) by email at eo9096@wayne.edu.

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WSU encourages applications from women, people of color, and other underrepresented people.
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