



WHITWORTH

AN EDUCATION OF MIND AND HEART

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION/ DIRECTOR, WRITING CENTER
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
TENURE TRACK
START DATE: JULY 1, 2012

Application review begins October 10, 2011. The position remains open and applications will be reviewed until filled. Skype interviews will begin in early November.

Founded in 1890, **Whitworth University** has been consistently ranked among the top regional colleges and universities in the West. In its strong liberal arts undergraduate education and graduate programs, Whitworth combines the Christian heritage of the University, its commitment to academic rigor and its long-standing orientation toward human service. A community of Christian scholars carries out the college's mission "to provide its diverse student body an education of the mind and heart."

The English Department at Whitworth University seeks to instill in our graduates a love both of reading and writing. To this end, English courses encourage students to demonstrate skill in research and analysis of texts, combined with the ability to write focused and cogent arguments. Secondly, the English faculty desires our graduates to develop a repertoire of creative writing craft, and therefore offers experience in poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction. Throughout, the English Department seeks to foster the writing culture of Whitworth University by stressing writing in all courses, cultivating a sensitivity to language, its power and complexity, and a commitment to training good writers through working cooperatively with the Whitworth Writing Center.

FUNCTION:

We are looking for a teacher-scholar in Rhetoric and Composition to direct our Writing Center, and to teach writing and rhetoric in the general education program, major writing-track courses, and specialty courses for the major. Teaching load: six courses and administrative release (equal to one course) per year beginning fall 2012. Secondary specialty desired in one of the following: New Media, Women's and Gender Studies, or American Ethnic Studies.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATED DUTIES:

Teaching responsibilities include a seven course load (3-1-3) including a January term course. While teaching faculty normally fulfill this responsibility by teaching seven three-credit courses, the Writing Center Director will receive a 4 credit administrative release. Candidates for this position will be expected to teach a two-credit seminar for student writing center consultants in the fall term and a combination of courses including Writing 1 (EL 110), Writing 2 (EL 210), and other advanced writing/rhetoric courses for the writing track. Administrative duties include overseeing the work of the writing center, creating and offering resources to assist faculty through the writing center, and assisting the WAC task force in its mission to provide resources and assistance to faculty teaching writing intensive courses.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Further responsibilities for this position include participation in advising, departmental activities and governance; continuing research; participation in professional associations; faculty assemblies and faculty development.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ph.D. in English with specialization in Rhetoric and Composition before August 2012
- At least one year of experience in writing center administration, including experience in training writing center consultants
- Demonstrated effectiveness at college-level teaching
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith and to the integration of faith and learning
- The ability and desire to establish a positive relationship with persons regardless of race, gender, physical limitation or religious belief
- A commitment to equal opportunity for all persons
- A commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a Christian liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Criminal background check and educational verification required

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please submit the following required application documents:

1. A letter of interest
2. Your curriculum vitae
3. The names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of three references
4. Three letters of recommendation
5. A 15-page writing sample of a research project
6. Syllabi from two different courses
7. Your graduate and undergraduate transcripts (may be unofficial at this time; official transcripts may be required at the time a campus interview is extended)
8. Two recent sets of student course evaluations or a note confirming they are unavailable
9. An essay addressing the relationship between your Christian faith and teaching (Information on writing the essay is available at www.whitworth.edu/facultyfaithessay.)

Please send your application documents by email attachment to jobs@whitworth.edu.

If this is not possible, you may mail them to the following address:

**Human Resource Services, Auld House
Attn: Chair, English Faculty Search Committee
Whitworth University
300 West Hawthorne Road
Spokane, WA 99251**

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 commitment to building a diverse community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.