

FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Co-Director of the Office of Clinical Experience, and Director of Field Experience Placements

POSITION: Full-time, with faculty rank; non-continuing status track (non-tenure), clinical faculty position in the Division of Teacher Education; 11 month faculty appointment in the School of Education.

STARTING DATE: Applications will be reviewed beginning January 15, 2016 and an appointment will be made as soon as a suitable candidate is discerned.

BACKGROUND: The School of Education at Fresno Pacific University offers the Multiple Subjects, Single Subject, and Education Specialist credential programs, as well as the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) and Master of Arts in Education (M.Ed. in Special Education). Programs are offered at the university's home campus in Southeast Fresno and also at 3 regional centers: Merced, Bakersfield, and Visalia. The programs have experienced significant growth over the last four years.

The Co-Director of the Office of Field Experience, in collaboration with the Director of the University Mentoring program, provides support for the field experience components embedded in these credential programs. The Director provides guidelines for placement of multiple and single subject student teachers and special education practicum students in classrooms where they work in co-teaching relationships with their Master Teacher. In addition, the Director serves as liaison between Fresno Pacific University and the districts that employ FPU teacher candidates as Pre-Interns and Interns.

ROLE: Leadership across Regional Centers

- Cultivate and manage all student teaching and practicum placements for students enrolled in the Fresno campus programs;
- Provide direction for clinical faculty assigned to manage field experience placements in regional centers: Visalia, Merced and Bakersfield;
- Co-lead Office of Clinical Practice faculty meetings with the Director of Mentoring;
- Manage all School of Education – District Contracts;
- Maintain updated *Credential Program Handbooks*, which include guidance for field experience colleagues;
- Respond to changing accreditation regulations from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding clinical practice;
- Maintain databases which contain accurate, up-to-date information pertaining to all field experience assignments;

ROLE: Leadership at the Main Campus, Southeast Fresno

- Cultivate and manage all student teaching and practicum placements for students enrolled in the Fresno campus programs;
- Respond to field experience situations that are problematic;
- Teach courses in the credential program (e.g. Field Experience Seminars, Curriculum, English Learner Studies, Adolescent and Child Development);

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- MA in education or related field;

- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a highly collaborative environment;
- Strong personal communication skills;
- Knowledge of K-12 schools;
- Experience in developing dynamic multi-agency partnerships;
- Demonstrated skills in utilizing technology to enhance communications and maintain accurate records;
- Commitment to preparing teachers to work in diverse and high poverty schools;
- Commitment to the Christian faith and the University's mission of Christ-centered teaching and learning and involvement in a local church.

Preferred:

- Record or promise of professional and/or scholarly achievement;
- K-12 teaching experience.

UNIVERSITY DESCRIPTION

Fresno Pacific University offers undergraduate and graduate programs that stress solid academic preparation and a strong ethical foundation. Some 3,700 traditional and adult students attend classes on the main campus in southeast Fresno or centers in North Fresno, Visalia, Bakersfield and Merced as well as online. The university also reaches about 10,000 students through professional development studies. FPU has the highest four-year graduation rate of any Central Valley college or university, is a Hispanic Serving Institution, with a Hispanic student population of 35 percent, and is one of the top 10 HSIs nationally in graduating Hispanic students. The Valley's only comprehensive Christian university granting master's degrees, the university is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and ranked in the top tier among western universities—master's category by *U.S. News & World Report*. FPU is affiliated with the Mennonite Brethren Church, and all employees express a personal Christian commitment and support the Christian mission of the university. A description of the unique quality of FPU as an academic community can be found in the Fresno Pacific University Idea at fresno.edu/about/fpu_idea.

COMPENSATION: Dependent on qualifications and experience, and paid out over 12 months. Full-time benefits include insurance (medical, vision, dental, LTD), retirement (TIAA-CREF), Section 125 options.

APPLICATION: A faculty application is available at <http://www.fresno.edu/visitors/careers> - the link is in the job description on the FPU website.

Send a letter of application, a completed faculty application form (including personal statements), curriculum vita, three letters of reference (including one pastoral), and transcripts or placement file to:

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Fresno Pacific University does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnic or social background, sex, age, or physical handicap in its hiring practices. Committed to excellence and actively supportive of cultural diversity, FPU invites individuals who contribute to such diversity to apply.