Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development



Clinical Assistant Professor in Literacy Education

Boston University Wheelock College of Education & Human Development invites applications for a full-time Clinical Assistant Professor in Literacy Education within the Department of Language and Literacy Education.

We seek a colleague with expertise and an active program of research in literacy development and instruction, including reading foundations and supporting students experiencing reading difficulties. The ideal candidate will demonstrate deep knowledge of both research related to early reading and writing development and instruction, including supporting students with disabilities and multilingual students, and critical theories, including a demonstrated commitment to culturally and linguistically sustaining pedagogies and practices.

The Language and Literacy Education Department is a community of scholars and educators with a strong social justice orientation who embrace multilingualism and multiliteracies and who share a commitment to combating deficit framings of students from racially and linguistically marginalized communities. We seek a colleague who shares this orientation and who will contribute to our efforts to build equitable and just education environments in partnership with students, educators, families, and communities, including within the Boston Public Schools and surrounding school districts. Applicants can learn more about BU Wheelock's guide star, values, and strategic focus areas at https://www.bu.edu/wheelock/about/guide-star-values/

This position begins on July 1, 2025. Applicants from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in reading/literacy or a closely related field
- K-12 teaching experience in the United States

Preferred Qualifications:

- Licensed as a Specialist Teacher of Reading
- Experience teaching university-level reading/literacy courses
- Experience directing a teacher education program
- Bilingual or multilingual proficiency

Review of applications will begin November 1, 2024, and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries may be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee: Dr. Katherine Frankel (kfrankel@bu.edu).

The successful candidate will teach courses in literacy across programs and departments at BU Wheelock (e.g., early and elementary education, special education, and/or multilingual education), contribute to ongoing cross-departmental efforts to prepare teachers across programs to teach reading, and build and sustain collaborative relationships with local schools, school districts, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and local and national professional organizations. This faculty member also may serve as program director of literacy education, including advising master's students and coordinating practicum placements, supervision, and coaching.

Applicants should submit the following documents electronically to https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/28454:

Application Materials:

- Cover letter including statements of teaching, research, and service and describing suitability for the position. Candidates who substantively address their experiences, strengths, and opportunities for growth in building equitable and just education environments in partnership with schools and communities will receive strong consideration.
- Curriculum vitae
- Two recent publications or scholarly writing samples
- Three letters of recommendation

BU conducts a background check on all final candidates for certain faculty and staff positions. The background check includes contacting the final candidate's current and previous employer(s) to ask whether, in the last seven years, there has been a substantiated finding of misconduct violating that employer's applicable sexual misconduct policies. To implement this process, the University requires a final candidate to complete and sign the form entitled "Authorization to Release Information" after execution of an offer letter.

We are an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, military service, pregnancy or pregnancy-related condition, or because of marital, parental, or veteran status. We are a VEVRAA Federal Contractor.

Our university community welcomes differences, encourages open-minded exploration, and upholds freedom of expression.