

Assistant/Associate Professor in Early Childhood Education  
Illinois State University  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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Illinois State University, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, is pleased to announce two tenure track positions for an Assistant and/or Associate professor specializing in Early Childhood Education beginning August 15, 2008. The Department seeks a colleague with the potential for strong teaching and research skills to join its growing faculty.

Position #1: ECE – Literacy

We are looking for an early childhood faculty member with a specific early literacy focus who would contribute to the development of courses, performance-based assessment and instruction in areas including emerging literacy, language acquisition, and authentic literacy assessment.

Position #2: ECE – Generalist

We are looking for an early childhood generalist who would contribute to the development of courses, performance-based assessment and instruction in areas such as learning environments, assessment, methods, and teaching diverse learners. The primary teaching assignment is in the Early Childhood Program at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The candidate will also participate in the department's growing professional development school initiative and off-campus teaching. This position will strengthen the program's infrastructure and increase the likelihood of continuous growth to meet current demands.

We are seeking a colleague who values collaboration and will be actively involved in research, program development, and providing professional service.

Required Qualifications

- Terminal degree or ABD with completion date prior to faculty appointment
- Minimum of 2 years public school teaching in P-3 grades or in private agency
- Demonstrated potential for scholarly research
- Potential to secure external funding

Preferred Qualifications

- Earned doctorate in Early Childhood Education
- Three years public school teaching in P-3 grades
- A scholarship record of contributions to the field
- Skills in the application of technology, including electronic assessment and portfolio use
- Experience teaching early childhood methods courses, specifically an interest in early childhood literacy methods and research
- Leadership skills at the project, program, or department level
- The ability to secure external funding

The Early Childhood Program

The Early Childhood Program at Illinois State serves approximately 200 students a year. Illinois is one of few states which have state funded early childhood programming for three and four year olds as of 2006. This new state initiative requires teachers to have early childhood certification, greatly increasing the demand for early childhood teacher preparation programs delivered in increasing and innovative formats. In addition the program is initiating an early childhood specialization at the graduate level to meet the growing need for early childhood program administrators. As one of the largest preparers of teachers in the country and the largest in Illinois, the early childhood program at Illinois State is poised to provide

the needed teacher preparation, training, and leadership to serve young children and families both at the state and national levels.

#### The Department

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction has experienced dynamic and innovative changes in program direction due to new leadership. As the University celebrates 150 years of teacher preparation, we look forward to continuing our leadership role at the state and national level. The Department has approximately 15 full-time faculty in teacher education programs at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels. We work collaboratively with our colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences, public schools, and community.

All programs are NCATE-accredited and approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

#### The University Community

Illinois State University is a doctoral-granting institution with an enrollment of over 20,000 students. It is the state's first public university, founded in 1857 to educate the state's teachers. The University is located in Normal/Bloomington, Illinois, a community of over 100,000, which is at the crossroads of the Midwest. Chicago, St. Louis, and Indianapolis are conveniently located only two-three hours away.

#### Application Process

Initial review of applications will begin November, 2007. To assure full consideration, submit a letter listing five references (with names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses), and a curriculum vita. Materials should be sent to Ms. Evelyn DiNardi, Search Committee Secretary, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Campus Box 5330, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois 61790-5330. Candidates must state the position number for which they are applying.

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