

**The Pennsylvania State University
College of Education
Department of Learning and Performance Systems**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Available

Assistant/Associate Rank Professor of Education (Lifelong Learning and Adult Education)

Beginning

Fall Semester 2020

Appointment conditions

This is a 36-week tenure-track appointment with the possibility of supplementary summer appointments in research and/or teaching. Full University benefits apply. The University offers a competitive benefits package that includes excellent healthcare and tuition benefits for employees and their families, generous retirement benefits, a wide variety of professional development opportunities, supportive work and family benefits, a wealth of health and wellness programs and resources, and much more.

Penn State and the College of Education are committed to and accountable for advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all of its forms. We embrace individual uniqueness, foster a culture of inclusive excellence that supports both broad and specific diversity initiatives, leverage the educational benefits of diversity, and engage all individuals to help them thrive. We encourage applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds.

Responsibilities

The Lifelong Learning and Adult Education Program at Penn State (University Park) is looking for a new colleague with a research agenda that will inform our understanding of online and distance education and the use of technologies in the context of lifelong learning and adult education. Areas of application could include formal, non-formal, informal, or community-based settings, both in the U.S. and internationally. The successful candidate will develop and maintain a research agenda appropriate to his or her interests, including disseminating research through publications and presentations, teaching and mentoring students, and collaborating with faculty on research activities and grant proposal development. Additional responsibilities include teaching adult education courses face-to-face and by online distance education, recruiting and advising students, engaging in service and outreach, and potentially providing leadership in American Center for the Study of Distance Education at Penn State.

Required qualifications

- Candidates must have an earned doctorate in Adult Education, Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education, Online Education, Distance Education, Higher Education, or a closely related field by the start date of the position;
- Evidence of engagement in high-quality, externally funded research and scholarship in online or distance education for adults in formal, non-formal, informal, and/or community-based settings and a corresponding record of excellent research publications and presentations, commensurate with experience;
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching, including the innovative use of distance and related technologies along with a record of successful advising and mentoring graduate-level research, commensurate with experience; and
- Demonstrated ability to function effectively as a member of a team and ability and interest in working with diverse populations.

Desirable qualifications

- Experience or interest in international adult and/or online education;
- Evidence of interest in and potential for securing external funding for research.
- Willingness to develop and teach undergraduate courses

Lifelong Learning and Adult Education Program

The Lifelong Learning and Adult Education Program [<https://ed.psu.edu/lps/adult-education>] is located in the College of Education's Department of Learning and Performance Systems at The Pennsylvania State University (University Park). Reflecting the interests and expertise of the faculty, the Ph.D. program has four emphasis areas: Adult Teaching and Learning, Distance Education, Learning in the Workplace and in the Community, and Literacy for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations. The Lifelong Learning and Adult Education Program offers the M.Ed., D.Ed., and Ph.D. degrees in Adult Education. The M.Ed. in Adult Education, the Certificate in Distance Education, and the Certificate in Family Literacy are offered online through the Penn State World Campus. The program faculty direct the American Center for the Study of Distance Education (<https://sites.psu.edu/acde/>) and serve as the editors of The American Journal of Distance Education and The Handbook of Distance Education (4th edition).

Department of Learning and Performance Systems (LPS)

The Department of Learning and Performance Systems [<http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/lps>] includes three programs: Adult Education, Instructional Systems, and Workforce Education and Development. All three programs offer separate degrees, but students, faculty, and staff collaborate on teaching, research, and service.

The College of Education

The College of Education [<http://www.ed.psu.edu>] at Penn State was established in 1923 to deepen and extend knowledge about the formation and utilization of human capabilities. It offers resident degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as an extensive outreach effort aimed at continuing professional development for educators at distant locations. The College's research program is also extensive and College faculty members secured over \$36.3 million in external support during the past three years from a wide range of national and state government agencies, private foundations, and corporations. The College's location within a large, research oriented, land-grant university provides numerous opportunities for studying education from multidisciplinary perspectives in the context of a university-wide commitment to making life better for all citizens.

The College houses four academic departments: Curriculum and Instruction; Education Policy Studies; Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education, and Learning and Performance Systems. The departments offer seven undergraduate majors to more than 2,250 students and 11 graduate programs, under authority of the Graduate School, to more than 1,000 students. Recent surveys rank the Penn State College of Education among the top colleges, schools, and departments of education in the United States.

The Pennsylvania State University

Penn State [<http://www.psu.edu>] is a comprehensive, multi-campus research university serving all regions of the Commonwealth, as well as the nation and the world in instruction, research, and service roles that require responsiveness to and support from society's public and private sectors. As a land-grant university, Penn State has responsibility for providing a wide array of programs in the professional and technical disciplines, as well as a balanced offering of undergraduate and graduate programs in the arts and sciences. Penn State shares with other major research universities the traditional responsibilities to discover, develop, preserve, and disseminate knowledge.

The University Park campus is located within State College, PA, which was recently ranked number 5 in a ranking of top college towns by the American Institute for Economic Research, and number 15 in a ranking of the Safest College Towns in America by Safewise. Located in a valley in the Appalachian Mountains, in Centre County, Pennsylvania, employment at Penn State offers an incredible opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the central Pennsylvania outdoors combined with all the culture, sports, and entertainment a large university community can bring, and is within drivable distance from Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New York City.

Application Procedures

Applicants must submit a letter of application documenting qualifications for the position, current curriculum vitae, up to three representative scholarly publications, and the contact

information (name, mail and e-mail addresses, telephone number) of at least three (3) professional references (or letters of recommendation, if available). Applications received by January 21, 2020 are assured full consideration; however, applications will be received until the position is filled. All applications must be submitted electronically to <http://psu.jobs/job/92595>.

Questions concerning the position can be directed to:

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