Assistant or Associate Professor, Social Work  
Purdue University Northwest

Position Qualifications

Purdue University Northwest’s Department of Behavioral Sciences invites applications for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor position in Social Work, to be assigned to our Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited BA in Social Work program. The position is to begin in August 2021. Rank is dependent upon experience and qualifications. Candidates must be able to perform high quality teaching, scholarship and service, and they must demonstrate commitment to promoting diversity and social justice in their role as faculty member. Areas of specialization are open. Successful candidates will be able to teach introductory and other foundational social work courses.

Guided by a liberal arts-based education and cohesive curriculum, the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Program at Purdue University Northwest operates within the land-grant tradition of democracy, inclusiveness, and accessibility. All members of the Social Work Program and those served are valued and respected as we celebrate diversity in background, culture and frame of reference. With 70+ community partnerships, social work faculty and students are actively involved in making a real difference to promote social justice in Northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland Area.

Position Requirements

- Earned PhD in Social Work or a closely related field (ABDs expected to earn a PhD by August 15, 2021 will also be considered.)
- MSW from a CSWE-accredited program
- Two years post-MSW practice experience

Preferred Qualifications

- Higher education teaching experience
- Program development and leadership experience

University Profile

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is an academically comprehensive, student-centered university located in northwest Indiana, just southeast of Chicago. As an independent university within the Purdue University system, PNW fosters a vibrant academic community for its approximate 7,000 student body through high quality and engaging undergraduate and graduate education. Offering nearly 70 academic areas of study at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels, PNW’s colleges, schools and centers are distinguished through prestigious accreditations, national recognitions and competitive rankings. The university is widely respected for its faculty’s dedication to student success through experiential learning and collaborative research across its two culturally diverse campuses located 35 miles apart in Hammond and Westville,
Indiana. Faculty positions serve on both campuses. In the fall of 2020, a new state of the art, 68,000 sq. ft. Bioscience Innovations Building opened on the Hammond campus.

Purdue University Northwest is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction, and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these areas in their cover letter, indicating their experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion.

College Profile

The College of Humanities, Education, and Social Sciences serves over 1,500 undergraduate students and 250 graduate students across a wide range of programs. Departments within the college include:

- Behavioral Sciences
- Communication and Creative Arts
- English
- History and Philosophy
- Political Science, Economics, World Languages and Cultures
- Psychology
- School of Education & Counseling

The College houses the Community Counseling Center that provides quality affordable mental health services and the Institute for Social and Policy Research, which uses social science and policy analysis methods to find solutions to educational, social, and health-related challenges facing the citizens of Northwest Indiana and the Chicago metropolitan region. The college is also home to the Willie T. Donald Exoneration Advisory Coalition to support those who have been wrongfully convicted in the state of Indiana.

Department of Behavioral Sciences Profile

Behavioral Sciences is a vibrant department with several programs and opportunities for collaboration. In addition to Social Work, we offer undergraduate majors in Behavioral Sciences, Criminal Justice, Human Development and Family Studies, and Sociology and a graduate program in Couple and Family Therapy. The department also houses the Couple and Family Therapy Center, which is located in the PNW Indianapolis Boulevard Counseling Center. Our students are primarily first-generation college students. In support of the University’s Strategic Plan, the Department is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff who foster diverse learning environments for students.

How to Apply

To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, and other required information at https://career8.successfactors.com/sfcareer/jobreqcareer?jobId=12170&company=purdueuniv. Also, have three letters of recommendation sent to Pamela Koltes at Pamela.Koltes@pnw.edu. In the cover letter, please describe: 1) your teaching philosophy, including your commitment to diversity and social justice, and give examples of teaching experiences designed to foster them;
and 2) your two years’ post-MSW practice experience. Screening of applications will begin January 31, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. For questions about this position, please contact Dr. Megan J. Murphy, Search Committee Chair, at megan.murphy@pnw.edu.

Purdue University offers an attractive salary and an excellent benefits package. Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.

A background check will be required for employment in this position.