Director of Strategic Partnerships and Clinical Placement Graduate School of Education and Counseling Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon

The Graduate School of Education and Counseling at Lewis & Clark invites applications for the position of Director of Strategic Partnerships and Clinical Placement. This is a full-time, 12 month, annually renewable faculty position (non-tenure track), which reports to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. The Graduate School is deeply committed to meaningful and reciprocal collaboration with the schools and districts where students in our education programs conduct their clinical experience. Meaningful collaboration with school partners requires engagement along a continuum that begins with preservice preparation and extends through advanced professional development. We seek a leader who combines a broad vision of school partnerships as the basis for deepening the clinical experience, with the administrative expertise to manage the complex and demanding process of placing students from a diverse range of education programs, including teacher education, school counseling, school psychology, and educational leadership.

Expectations for the position include working directly with school personnel to place students in their internships and strategic planning to expand and deepen the Graduate School's presence in local schools and districts. The director will also help create and manage professional development opportunities in the schools as part of the foundation for partnership work. The office includes full-time, dedicated staff support and an outreach budget. The Graduate School's commitment to educational equity and social justice guides our work and provides a strong foundation for connecting with school partners.

<u>Responsibilities</u>

- Serve as the inaugural director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Clinical Placement
- Provide leadership in creating, expanding, and sustaining school partnerships
- Manage and track the placement of graduate students in their practica and internships
- Build and sustain relationships with superintendents, principals, mentor teachers, and district staff to support partnership and placement activities
- Provide leadership for professional development opportunities that support a reciprocal relationship with partner schools
- Work collaboratively with faculty and staff across all three departments in the Graduate School (Teacher Education; Educational Leadership; Counseling Psychology)
- Teaching opportunities will be available, and expected after the first year of appointment, depending on the candidate's area(s) of academic expertise

Qualifications

- Ph.D./Ed.D. preferred in field related to teacher education; others considered, based on relevant experience
- Knowledge, expertise, and experience related to the clinical experience in graduate education programs

- Established record of working to support school partnerships and collaborative work with superintendents, principals, teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, and other education professionals
- Demonstrated experience providing professional development experiences for inservice education professionals
- Excellent administrative and organizational skills
- Excellent relational and communication skills

Application procedures

Review of applications will begin December 15, 2012, and continue until the position is filled. Email submissions to the graduate school by email at gradsearch@lclark.edu Items listed below should be sent in PDF form:

- Letter of application addressing qualifications and responsibilities noted in this posting
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Contact information for three additional references. At least one reference should be able to address the applicant's commitment to, experience with, and potential for working with diverse student and community populations.
- We encourage submission of the following additional material, as available: course evaluations, examples of scholarship, and reports from consulting work or other written/published material related to the responsibilities associated with this position.

Additional information

For additional information on this position contact: Associate Dean Janet Bixby at bixby@lclark.edu or by calling (503) 768-6003.

The College explicitly acknowledges and affirms its conviction that diversity with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, socio-economic background, religious orientation or spirituality, physical or sensory disability, gender, and sexual orientation on the Lewis & Clark campus provides an educational benefit for all students that can be realized only by enhancing and preserving the presence of students and education professionals from diverse backgrounds within our learning community. Lewis & Clark College is an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to preparing students for leadership in an increasingly interdependent world that affirms the educational benefits described above (see http://www.lclark.edu/about/diversity).

Lewis & Clark College will conduct background checks on the finalist(s) for this position.