University of New Haven
Non-Tenure-Track Instructor / Director of First-Year Writing Program
College of Arts & Sciences: Department of English
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Description:

The Department of English at the University of New Haven invites applications for a non-tenure-track full-time Instructor to serve as the Director of First-Year Writing and teach writing courses in the English department. The First-Year Writing Program is one of the university’s points of pride and has seen many successes in recent years. The program has been celebrated for its teaching excellence, genuine assessment practices, and pedagogical innovation. We are seeking an enthusiastic person to lead the program to continued excellence.

The First-Year Writing Program is part of an English Department that also houses a Writing Across the Curriculum Program, a Peer Tutoring Writing Center, majors in Writing and Literature, and minors in Creative Writing and Professional Writing. The Director of First-Year Writing is supported by a Writing Programs Coordinator. Nearly all of the 10 full-time faculty in the department teach First-Year Writing courses. As a group of highly collegial faculty united by a desire to provide exceptional learning experiences for our students, we seek a colleague who values collaboration in achieving our shared goals.

The Director of First-Year Writing shapes the mission and activities of the program, encourages innovative teaching, supports teachers in the program, and collaborates with faculty and administrators to meet students’ needs. This individual leads placement and assessment efforts, organizes teaching observations, prepares professional development opportunities, and works with the department chair to staff classes and hire part-time faculty.

In addition to teaching First-Year Writing courses, the successful candidate may also teach courses in Business, Professional, and/or Technical Writing. Candidates who can expand upon our existing strengths with specialties in Science Writing, Healthcare Writing, Government Writing, and/or Legal Writing are desirable. The university’s typical course load is 4/4. This position offers a 1/1 reduction for administrative duties.

Qualifications:

Minimum qualifications include a PhD in Rhetoric and Composition or a related field and demonstrated excellence in teaching first-year and/or professional writing courses. Demonstrated experience with writing program administration and assessment is required as well.

Diversity and Inclusion:

The University of New Haven is committed to diversity and inclusion in higher education. The University seeks candidates whose teaching, research and/or service has prepared them to contribute diversity and inclusion in our academic community. Applicants are asked to submit a diversity and inclusion statement explaining how their teaching, scholarship and/or service, contributes to building and supporting diverse and inclusive communities.
Application Process:

All information on candidates will be kept confidential. Review of applications will start immediately and continue until the position is filled. Qualified candidates should submit 1) a cover letter that includes teaching philosophy and achievements, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a diversity and inclusion statement, and 4) contact information for at least three professional references. Candidates are also welcome to submit representative syllabi and or student course evaluations. All materials should be submitted online at http://apply.interfolio.com/73808.

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