

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
Instructor/Assistant Professor, Family Studies--Child Life
One-Year Term Appointment
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Education and Human Development
Western Michigan University

Position: Instructor/Assistant Professor, Family Studies--Child Life, Position #: 7435 (Full-time 1.0 FTE term position beginning Fall, 2015).

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in child life, family studies or a closely related area, and enrollment in a related doctoral program or intent to pursue a related doctoral degree. Certification as a Child Life Specialist. Experience teaching courses in Child Life and demonstrated teaching record in family studies or a related field. Evidence of service activities in field. Practitioner experience in child life.

Preferred : Doctoral degree in family studies or a closely related area. Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) or eligible within one year of hire. Evidence of research involvement

Duties: Teach a range of undergraduate and graduate courses in family studies, including courses in Child Life; advise Child Life students and provide direction of the Child Life option; develop and present courses through distance education technologies; engage in research and scholarly activities collaborate with department faculty; provide service to the department, college, university, community, and professional organizations.

Appointment: One-year academic year term position with potential for renewal. Nine-month appointment is for fall/spring semesters, with the possibility of additional summer teaching assignments.

Program Area: The family studies area offers two undergraduate majors: Family Studies and Child and Family Development, and a master's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with concentrations in Child Life and Family Life Education. The programs have been approved by the National Council on Family Relations and graduates may choose to become Certified Family Life Educators (CFLE). The department recently added a concentration in Child Life to the master's degree. Graduate courses are offered on campus and in Grand Rapids, approximately 50 miles north of Kalamazoo.

Department: The family studies area is part of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences which offers six undergraduate programs, two master's degrees and collaborates on a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with a concentration in Career and Technical Education.

The department is home to 750 undergraduate and nearly 100 graduate students, including over 300 undergraduate majors and 60 master's students in the family studies area. Twenty-one full-time faculty and a number of highly qualified part-time faculty support department programs in career and technical education, dietetics, family studies, food service administration, interior

design, and textile and apparel studies. Faculty are engaged in numerous research projects, partnerships and collaborative ventures which contribute to the knowledge base in the discipline.

The College: The College of Education and Human Development is a diverse and vibrant institution of professional education, preparing individuals for leadership in their fields. The college is comprised of six departments which include Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology; Special Education and Literacy Studies; Family and Consumer Sciences; Human Performance and Health Education; Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies; and Educational Leadership, Research and Technology. Approximately 100 full-time faculty serve nearly 3,700 undergraduate and nearly 1,800 graduate students, with majors enrolled in programs leading to the bachelor's, specialist's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

The University: Western Michigan University (WMU), located in Southwest Michigan, is a vibrant, nationally recognized student-centered research institution with an enrollment of nearly 25,000. WMU delivers high-quality undergraduate instruction, has a strong graduate division, and fosters significant research activities. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has placed WMU among the 76 public institutions in the nation designated as research universities with high research activities.

Rank and Salary: Instructor/Assistant Professor, one-year term appointment. Salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. A full range of fringe benefits including TIAA/CREF contributions is provided.

Equal Opportunity Employer: Western Michigan University, an equal opportunity employer, complies with applicable federal and state laws and University policies prohibiting discrimination and harassment. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

Application: Applicants may apply online at: www.wmich.edu/hr/jobs
Inquiries may be directed to: Dr. Karen Blaisure, Search Committee Chair, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Email: karen.blaisure@wmich.edu Applications will be reviewed beginning March 2, 2015 and accepted until filled.