St. Thomas University
Tenure-Track Position in Social Work (Field Education)

The School of Social Work, St. Thomas University, invites applications for a tenure-track Field Education Coordinator appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin January 1, 2023, pending budgetary approval.

St. Thomas University is an undergraduate, liberal arts institution with a full-time enrolment of 1,800. Its students graduate with Bachelor of Arts, Applied Arts, Education, and Bachelor and Master level Social Work degrees.

The School of Social Work currently offers three social work programs: a BSW, an MSW, and the Mi’kmaq/Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work Program (MMBSW). The primary objective of the BSW program is to facilitate student development to a beginning level of practice competence. Our MSW program aims to further student development as advanced structural social work practitioners. The Mi’kmaq/Maliseet program provides First Nation individuals with an opportunity to receive social work education within a flexible and culturally relevant framework.

As a School of Social Work, we are committed to the teaching and development of a structural social work perspective among faculty, students, staff, and the larger community. In order to achieve this, the School of Social Work has adopted an approach based on the values of openness, respect, collegiality, mutuality, accountability, and reconciliation. First, faculty endeavour to prepare students to practice structural social work by fostering critical thinking and critical self-reflection skills and by teaching the values, ethics, knowledge, and skills required in order to promote social justice within their practice. Second, we emphasize our responsibility as social workers to assist people in achieving their potential and to work for the development of the social and material conditions which would enable this growth. Third, we understand that this can only occur within a context that seeks ecological justice and lifelong learning.

The School of Social Work is seeking applicants for the position of the Field Education Coordinator to work directly with the Director of the School of Social Work and be responsible for developing, coordinating, administrating, and managing field education at the School. This includes assessing student and agency readiness for placement and finding appropriate social work placements for 3rd and 4th year BSW students, MSW students, and students in the MMBSW program.

Responsibilities include:

- Teaching nine credit hours of curriculum related to preparing students for professional practice
- Recruiting new field placements
- Training field instructors and faculty to provide field education
- Conducting and publishing social work related research
• Being able to travel within the Maritimes is essential
• Ensuring compliance with the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) Standards of Accreditation

Qualifications

• An MSW degree from a CASWE accredited program and at least 5 years of post-Masters’ professional social work experience
• Knowledge of the social service agency network in New Brunswick
• The appointed candidate must be or become a member of the NBASW
• Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and teaching skills
• Excellent organizational and administrative skills
• Ability to plan and undertake social work related research

Completed applications must include a letter that describes the applicant’s teaching experience, scholarly interests and achievements, and potential contributions to the program as specified in the qualifications listed above. The application must also include a curriculum vitae and a teaching dossier that provides evidence of teaching effectiveness, such as sample course syllabi, teaching evaluations, and a statement of teaching philosophy. Applicants should also submit a research plan and/or samples of scholarly work, and arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly. All materials should be submitted electronically to Professor Clive Baldwin at baldwin@stu.ca.

Closing Date: Noon, September 9th, 2022 or when the position is filled. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their completed applications, including letters of reference, are received by this date.

Offers of employment will be conditional upon a candidate being able to adhere to current university COVID-19 policies.

An equal employment employer, St. Thomas University is committed to employment equity for women, Aboriginal persons, members of visible minority groups, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority.