

Early Childhood Education Specialist/Assistant Professor
Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies

Position: This is a tenure-track, 12 month position with a 75% extension appointment and a 25% ARD appointment, with a focus on early childhood education, young children, families of young children, and the early learning environments for children birth to age 8.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will: (a) design, deliver, and evaluate curriculum and materials and programs that help educators, parents, teachers, professionals in early childhood, and policymakers understand high quality learning environments and other issues in early childhood; (b) educate stakeholders regarding appropriate programs for children and their families, including military families; (c) engage in activities to educate and create structures for effective, appropriate programs for children and their families; (d) work with educators/specialists and other child, youth and family service professionals and policymakers to develop educational programs focusing on learning and development; (e) develop techniques of coaching and reflective supervision in working with families and professionals; (f) prepare peer reviewed research and grant proposals related to children's learning and development, including research related to military families and their children, as a part of an on-going research agenda; (g) conduct research and disseminate in peer refereed journal articles and other appropriate outlets, including Extension publications, programs to educators, relevant agencies and organizations which address critical issues in early childhood education and care; (h) disseminate materials through traditional and non-traditional media, including Internet-based technologies, public speaking, newspapers, TV, radio and other media; (i) participate in professional scientific meetings and scholarly activities; (j) engage in cooperative and collaborative state wide teams to provide community based programs with educators and other groups; (k) report program impacts to Extension administration; (l) contribute to the departmental and IANR Extension teaching programs, or as a part of cooperative agreements with local educational institutions; (m) maintain partnerships with the Nebraska Department of Education and other essential educational organizations; (n) actively participate in the Early Learning Child and the 4-H and Youth Development Action Teams; and (o) recruit potential students for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. All educational programs and actions will meet affirmative action requirements and embrace diversity. In addition to the above described duties, the individual will be expected to accept committee assignments, reporting responsibilities, and other special ad hoc assignments as requested at the Administrative Unit, College/Division, Institute, and/or University level.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must have a doctoral degree in early childhood education, child development, or related area with knowledge of, and expertise in early childhood education. The candidate must also have excellent outreach, data analysis and grant writing skills and demonstrate research productivity. The candidate must also have excellent teaching ability in informal and formal teaching/training situations.

Preferred Qualifications: Preference will be given to candidates who: (a) demonstrate potential in conducting and seeking external funding; (b) demonstrate an understanding of education for young children, including curriculum development; (c) demonstrate an understanding of the care of children within the contexts of families, schools, and communities and the interactions between these environments; and (d) demonstrate an understanding of issues of importance to child development and early childhood education. While the expertise in children ages birth through 8 is required, this position will emphasize ages birth to age 5.

To Apply: Review of applications will begin November 15, 2012, and continue until the position is filled or the search is closed. To be considered for this position go to <http://employment.unl.edu> requisition #120377, complete the faculty/administrative form, and attach a letter of application, curriculum vita, a written explanation of philosophy of outreach and research, and a sample publication. Submit by mail or have sent to us official graduate transcripts and three recommendation letters to: Early Childhood Education Search Committee; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; 135 Mabel Lee Hall; Lincoln, NE 68588-0236. For information, contact, Dr. Tori Molfese at 402-472-6399 or vmolfese2@unl.edu.

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