

# The University of West Florida

## Director of the School of Education (Associate or Assistant Professor)

The University of West Florida seeks a collaborative leader with a growth mindset to serve as the founding Director of the School of Education (SOE). Through a strategic planning process, the SOE has identified its collective ambition and priorities, which center on preparing qualified and effective educators, leaders, and scholarly practitioners through specialized immersive educational experiences to serve diverse populations. The SOE offers an array of undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level programs in education. The successful applicant will join a productive and innovative faculty that will work collaboratively to develop and advance programs of excellence. This is an extraordinary opportunity to provide academic leadership to a school that is pivotal in serving the needs of the Northwest Florida region.

Reporting to the CEPS Dean, the SOE Director is a 12-month position at the rank of Associate of Full Professor, responsible for advancing the school's impact by developing programs that cultivate professional educators and instructional leaders. The Director offers energetic, innovative, intellectual leadership; leads the SOE's commitment to programmatic, pedagogical, and scholarly excellence across undergraduate and graduate programs; is committed to the vision of faculty as teacher/scholars and the open exchange of ideas; participates in the recruitment, development, and evaluation of faculty members; promotes UWF's efforts to ensure timely student graduation and success, and helps to build UWF's regional and national reputation. The Director works closely with the CEPS Dean and promotes diversity and inclusion in all forms among faculty, staff, and students.

The Director will:

1. Provide transparent and accessible leadership for School of Education programs and faculty, supportive of research and program innovation, be responsive to faculty, staff, and student needs and open to shared decision making, develop an atmosphere of collaboration and mutual respect
2. Ensure that programs are well implemented and effective, oversee programs and serve as an advocate for School of Education programs
3. Manage budgets, effectively communicate with staff and faculty, and ensure a productive and collegial environment for the School of Education
4. Assume responsibility and oversee the accreditation of programs in the School of Education
5. Develop collaborative relationships with school partners, state, national and federal agencies

<https://uwf.edu/ceps/about-us/support-document/>

**Position Minimum Qualifications:**

The Director of the SOE will have a/an:

1. Ph.D. or Ed.D. in Education from an accredited institution
  2. Record of teaching excellence, and a demonstrated record of scholarly research and publications warranting appointment to Associate or Full Professor
  3. Experience with grants
  4. Demonstrated record of success and working collaboratively with colleagues and integrity in higher education as a faculty member
  5. Demonstrated record of leadership in higher education and a documented record in dealing with constituent groups and community partners
  6. Strong organizational, management, and team-building skills, and the ability to participate in external outreach activities to represent UWF to schools, businesses, and agencies
- The Director will demonstrate a commitment to the mission of UWF and CEPS; to student success and to engaging faculty and staff in its attainment; and to diversity, equity, and inclusion as critical components of academic excellence.

**Special Instructions to Applicants:**

Candidates must apply online through the University of West Florida website: <https://careers.uwf.edu>  
Applicants are required to attach a letter of interest, curriculum vita, name/contact information for three references in electronic format, teaching philosophy, research statement, and sample of scholarly publication. **References will be contacted directly to provide letters of recommendation.** An opportunity to upload these documents will be provided during the application process. For assistance, please contact Human Resources at 850-474-2694 or email [jobs@uwf.edu](mailto:jobs@uwf.edu). Preferred response date: 1/20/2022

**More information about the position and how to apply can be found here:**

<https://careersmanager.pageuppeople.com/997/cw/en-us/job/494074/director-of-the-school-of-education-associate-or-assistant-professor-118200>