



Pastoral Care and Director of Contextual Education

Time: 100%

Rank: Open – Continuing employment (tenure) track

Start Date: July 1, 2020

Application Deadline: Review of application letters and curriculum vitae will begin November 1, 2019

Hiring policy: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary does not discriminate against employees or candidates for employment on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age, disability or any legally protected status. Commitment to AMBS's mission and support of its Anabaptist and ecumenical vision are important.

Summary: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is seeking a professor of pastoral care who can inspire, teach and mentor students who are preparing to serve in the church and the world. This individual will also oversee ministry placements and chaplaincy requirements, and teach related courses as director of contextual education. We are looking for a pastoral care scholar and practitioner with proven capacities to contribute to the AMBS learning community, to the broader academy, and to the witness of the church in a wide range of ministry settings. The faculty member will be able to converse with different disciplines within theological education, to connect AMBS with leaders within and outside the church, and to articulate how pastoral care and the witness of the church relate. The selected candidate will be passionate about vocational formation and the development of ministerial character, and will be an innovator who is responsive to emerging ways of being the church and how pastors and church leaders are best prepared to serve the church of the future. The ability to develop and nurture relationships with congregational, community and global resources will be essential. This faculty member will also be committed to collaborating with faith communities and other institutions from a variety of denominational, racial and ethnic, economic and other social locations.

Responsibilities and duties

This faculty member will be expected to:

- Teach effectively in the areas of pastoral care, pastoral counseling and theology, the practice of ministry, and leadership in face-to-face, hybrid and online environments
- Serve as Director of Contextual Education, including preparation for and oversight of ministry internships and CPE placements
- Manage a network of partners in congregations, faith communities and nonprofit organizations
- Track requirements in degree programs as they relate to licensure and certifications
- Relate regularly to Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada conference/regional church ministers



- Research and publish on pastoral care theology interdisciplinarily in order to connect the academy with the life of the church
- Advocate appreciatively and critically for Anabaptist and Mennonite theological perspectives while being conversant with other contemporary theological movements
- Advise and serve students as they progress toward completion of MA and MDiv degrees
- Contribute to community life at AMBS through scholarly research, regular worship, faculty committee and governance participation, community activities and constituency assignments

Qualifications and skills

- PhD or equivalent required, MDiv preferred
- Expertise in pastoral care
- Strong organizational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to inspire students in face-to-face and online learning environments
- Intercultural competency and demonstrated commitment to undoing racism
- A theological vision that includes peacemaking, justice, healing and reconciliation as central to God's mission
- Personal commitment to Christian faith and discipleship, to Anabaptist-Mennonite values and to the church as a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Evidence of entrepreneurial acumen preferred
- Language skills in addition to English are preferred
- Post-secondary teaching experience preferred

To apply

Send a curriculum vitae; a letter indicating interest, availability, and ways in which you meet the qualifications listed above; and the names and locations of three references (no letters at this time) to:

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Women and other underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.